

**Design Talks & Degree Show**  
2-3 June 2026

# **Programme**

# Welcome

## UID26 | Design Talks & Degree Show

This year's event is shaped by a theme chosen by our graduating students. TRACES reflects the paths that brought them here, the memories they carry, and the futures they are beginning to shape.

Each project holds traces of curiosity, collaboration and care, from early conversations to final proposals. Together, they show not only what our students have created, but how they have learned to question, test and respond to the world around them.

TRACES also invites a bigger question: what kind of mark should design leave on society and the planet? At UID26, graduates from all programmes share their final projects through live talks, models and prototypes. A warm welcome to two days of inspiration, dialogue and connection.

**Demian Horst**

Head of Department

# Programme Overview

## Tuesday June 2

- 9.00 Pre-scheduled interviews
- 11.00 Registration & light meal
- 13.00 Opening words**
- 13.15 Talks: Part 1**
- 14.15 Coffee break
- 15.00 Talks: Part 2**
- 16.00 Break
- 16.45 Talks: Part 3**
- 18.00 Dinner
- 19.00 Golden Seed Awards**
- 19.15 Exhibition Opening**

## Wednesday June 3

- 10.00 Opening words**
- 10.10 Keynote 1 - Aina Ström**
- 10.30 Keynote 2 - Jorge Furya**
- 10.50 Coffee break
- 11.20 Panel Discussion**
- 11.50 Closing words**
- 12.00 Light lunch
- 13.00 Design (as) Leadership
- 14.30 See you next year

# Tuesday June 2

## 13.15 Design Talks Part 1

APD NICOLÒ VINCENZI

### **Autonomous mine**

Redefining the lifecycle of mine waste

BFA SARAH KONECNIK

### **Redesigning unemployment**

Redesigning the employment system with hope and motivation in mind

TD LOVE BJÖRKLUND

### **Anura**

Empowering self-sufficiency by trusting users' capabilities and inviting curiosity

IXD CHENXI LI

### **From survival to belonging**

Designing tangible spatial interactions to foster belonging for newly arrived women

APD PIERRE BRAND

### **Bloom**

A haptic literacy toolbox for children with dyslexia

TD BENJAMIN DANIEL FODOR

### **Medurs**

Extending safe driving independence through interior design

# Tuesday June 2

## Design Talks Part 1 (continued)

BFA MOA EKLUND LINDGREN

### **Kjäll-Åvan Sustainable food storage**

How can we design food storage for everyday use and crisis situations?

IXD TIANLONG MU

### **Being present**

Spatial installation for moments of presence

TD JAKUB SZEWCZYK

### **Outer widgets**

Mobility design for outdoor sports enthusiasts

IXD ECE GÜNESEN

### **Umbra**

Exploring how ambiguity in self-tracking can restore bodily intuition and interpretive agency

14.15 **Coffee break**

15.00 **Design Talks Part 2**

BFA WILLIAM ANDERSSON

### **Simplifying dialysis**

A hidden epidemic grows as dialysis becomes a lifeline for millions worldwide by 2040

# Tuesday June 2

## Design Talks Part 2 (continued)

APD COCO PAULI

### **lora & leo**

An independent communication system  
resisting authoritarian control

TD YICHEN JIANG

### **Xenia**

Robotics enhancing mobility with comfort,  
care, and practical usefulness

IXD DIDE SEVINÇOK

### **Rooted**

Living archives of displaced ecologies

APD YASH SABOO

### **Peeko**

Turning bathroom routines into actionable  
gut health insights

BFA MAGDALENA ROSANDER

### **eduba - Post digital learning**

A post-digital classroom tool that integrates  
analogue and digital learning to support flow

TD MAX WESTERGÅRD

### **Entrain CPU**

Exploring future dynamics of car interiors

# Tuesday June 2

## Design Talks Part 2 (continued)

IXD SIQI ZHANG

### **Gaze-aware in-car interfaces**

Integrating gaze interaction into in-car systems to support drivers' attention and physical capacity

APD MÅRTEN MALMNÄS

### **Instruments for living**

Exploring what it means to live with music at home, in an age of frictionless streaming

BFA MARIO LOUTFI

### **Exos - Support that moves with you**

How design can help people maintain meaningful nature experiences when their bodies change

TD NIKITA ZATONSKIY

### **From prompt to presence**

Critically evaluating how emerging tools are reshaping creative workflows in transportation design

APD XIAOYU YU

### **Boxboom**

Lowering the threshold to start drumming

TD DAVID DAHLBERG

### **Social night**

Exploring how social interaction and Scandinavian comfort shape future night train travel

# Tuesday June 2

## Design Talks Part 2 (continued)

BFA ANNA SOLLENBERG

### **EVIG - A mycelium urn**

Designing sustainable and dignified alternatives to traditional burial after cremation

16.00 Break

## 16.45 Design Talks Part 3

TD YISHUN DAI

### **Umbría**

Creating mobility that passively handles heat without compromising utility

APD ISABELLE OLSSON

### **Flow IV**

Exploring workstation redesign for intravenous-based general anaesthesia

BFA HUGO NORDBERG

### **tim. Tools in motion**

How urban tradespeople can adapt, reduce CO2 emissions and improve efficiency through mobility

# Tuesday June 2

## Design Talks Part 3 (continued)

IXD TIANQI XIONG

### **Where control softens**

Exploring how machines express limits, invite interpretation, and turn control into negotiation

TD SANTIAGO SÁNCHEZ

### **Maybach nightway**

Premium mobility for double-city lives – where long-distance travel becomes intentional rest

BFA ANNAI GARCIA SANTISTEBAN

### **Inclusive skincare**

Designing accessible skincare for users with limited hand mobility

APD LENZ CONNOR BÄTZING

### **ARQ - Underwater welding unit**

Enhancing diver workflow efficiency with continuous deep-sea welding

IXD LIN WANG

### **Traces of interaction**

Designing conditions for real-world second-language interaction

TD SHI CAO

### **Morph**

Redefining mobility to merge living and transport for a comfortable, nature-oriented lifestyle

# Tuesday June 2

## Design Talks Part 3 (continued)

BFA KLARA LINDGREN

### **Home-based cancer treatment**

How can we improve the experience of chemotherapy at home through user-friendly equipment?

TD ISAAC STENEGÄRD

### **MINI Unfinished**

Exploring ways for car culture to evolve sustainably

IXD HANXIONG ZHANG

### **From novelty to normality**

Shifting AI from novelty into a familiar part of everyday life

TD JOSEPHINE SAMUELSSON WAHL

### **Land Rover 365**

A purpose-designed rescue vehicle for pre-hospital care in remote mountain terrain

APD DAVID BERTEL

### **Celda**

From specialist workflow to routine care:  
Redesigning cerebrospinal fluid diagnostics

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10.10 **Keynote 1 – AINA NILSSON STRÖM**  
Professor Emerita, Umeå Institute of Design

10.30 **Keynote 2 – JORGE FURYA**  
Head of Car UX at Volvo Cars

10.50 Coffee break

11.20 **Panel Discussion**

With Aina Nilsson Ström, Jorge Furya and Coco Pauli, Graduating student. Moderator: Anna Velander Gisslén, Sustainability Strategist at SVID

11.50 Closing words

12.00 Light meal

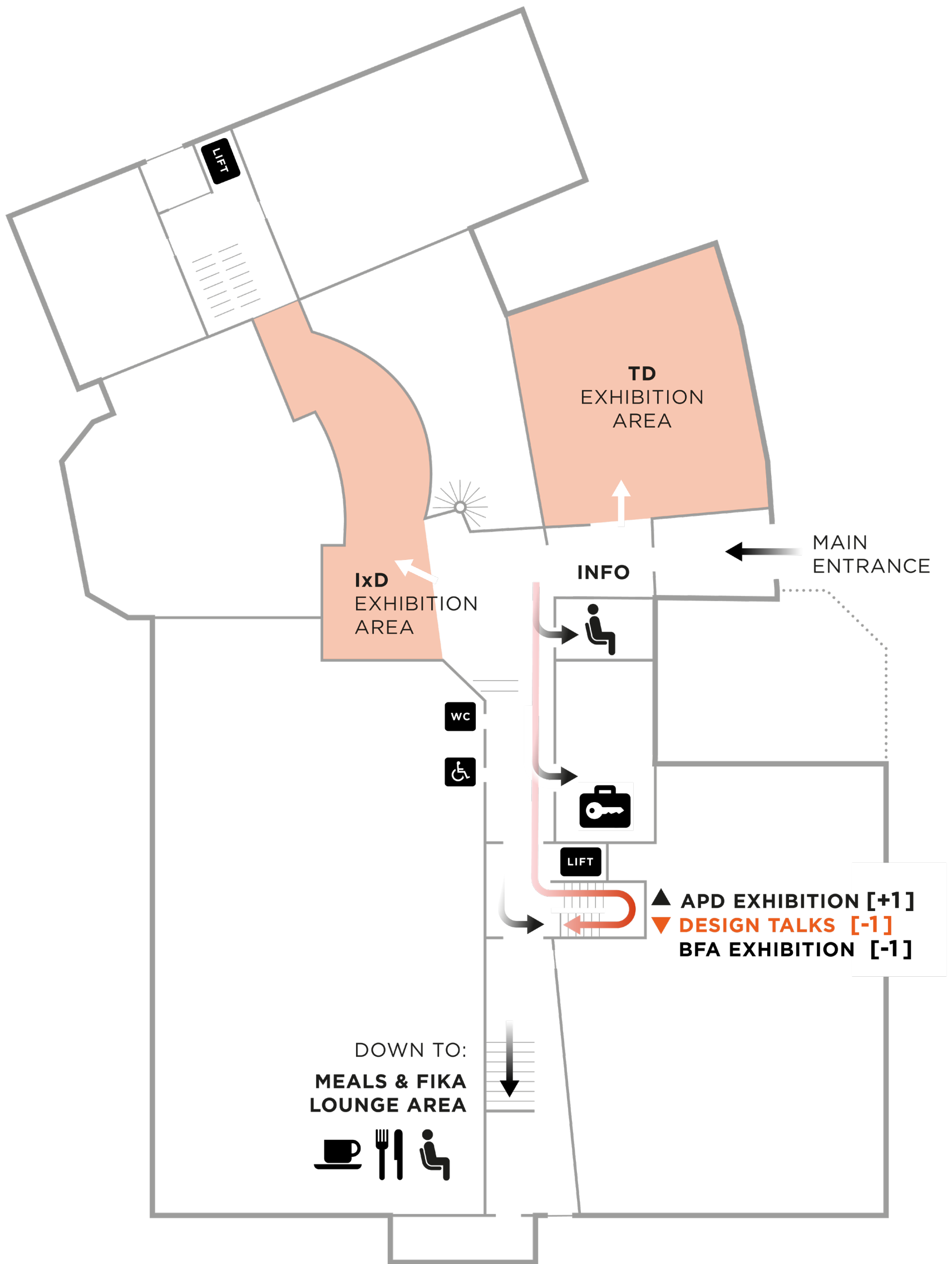
13.00 **Design as Leadership (sign-up only)**

A collaborative forum aimed at fostering meaningful dialogue around the evolving landscape of design practice. This closed session's goal is to cultivate a common understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing contemporary design, and to chart a roadmap toward excellence by identifying actionable pathways that strengthen both individual and collective design leadership.

# Finding your way around UID

## Entrance Level

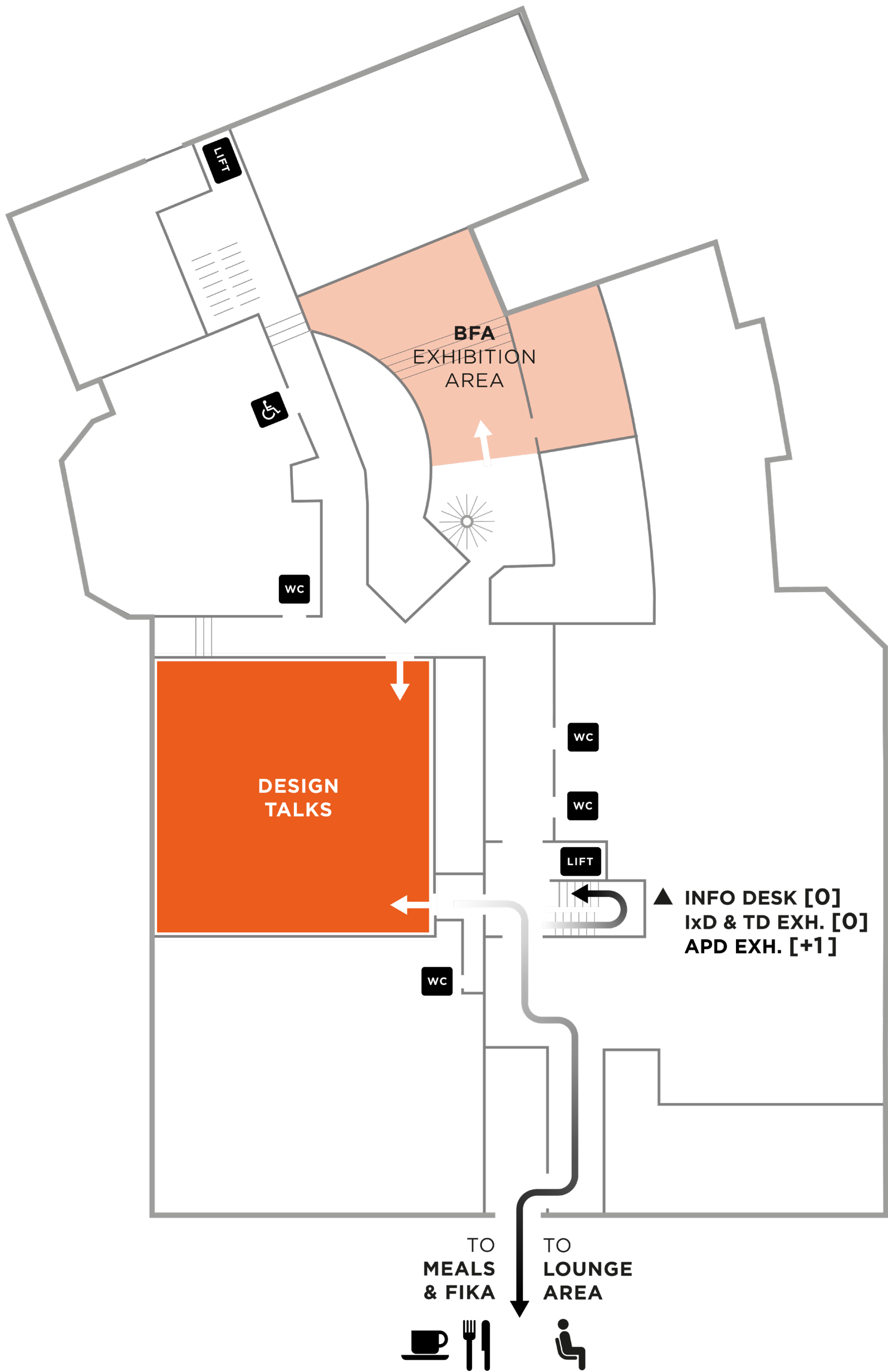
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# Basement Floor

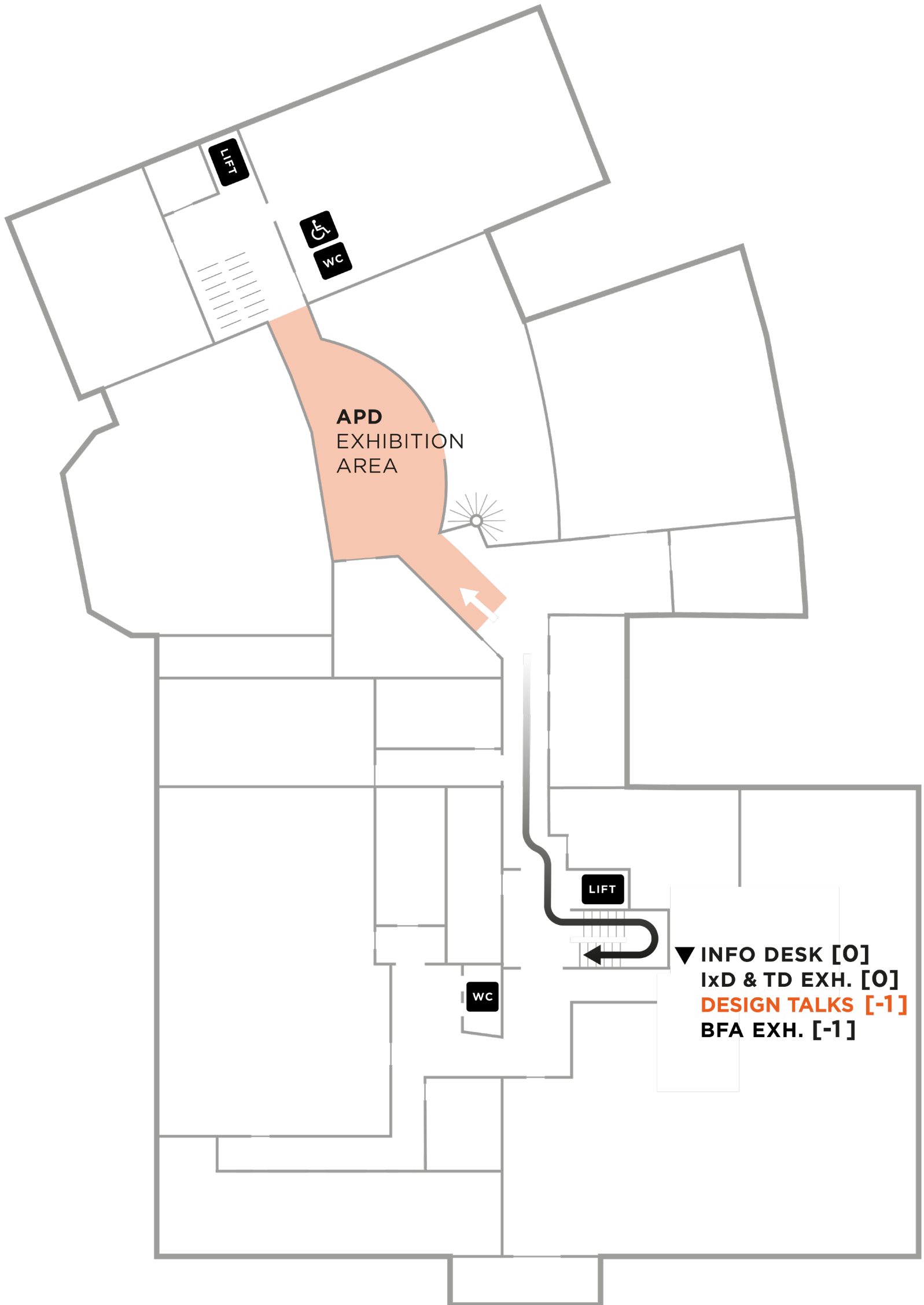
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# Finding your way around UID

## First Floor

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# Practical Information

The main point of contact is the **Welcome /registration desk**. Stop by if you need help with any issues that arise.

## Emergency

Call **112** for any kind of urgent emergency.

Call **1177** both for healthcare advice and for information about the clinics to contact about your particular needs.

## Taxi

**Eco Taxi:** +46 90 911 911

**Flygtaxi:** + 46 8 120 920 00

**Sverige Taxi Umeå:** +46 90 100 100

**Taxi 1A:** +46 73 838 34 94

**Taxi Björkstaden:** +46 90 36 000

**Taxi Kurir Umeå:** +46 90 18 18 18

**Firas Taxi:** +46 90 10 01 10

**Umeå Miljötaxi:** +46 90 12 12 12

**Umeå Taxi:** +46 90 77 00 00

## Pick-up address

Umeå Institute of Design  
Östra Strandgatan 30  
Konstnärligt Campus  
(Art campus)

## Taxi - Sharing

Sharing is caring and  
good for the environment

## Practical Information (continued)

### Airport Bus (route 80)

The bus trip from Umeå city centre to Umeå Airport takes 8 minutes. During peak traffic periods, buses depart every 15 minutes.

### Ticket price

Ticket price 31 SEK (advance purchase) 41 SEK (on board)

More information can be found here:

<https://www.tabussen.nu/en/airport-bus/>

### Nearest airport bus stop

Vasaplan (Umeå city) which is a 12-minute walk from UID.



# Practical Information (continued)

## UID26 website

[www.umu.se/en/umea-institute-of-design/uid26/](http://www.umu.se/en/umea-institute-of-design/uid26/)

## Social media

Official hashtag: **#uid26**

## Wifi

1. Choose 'UmU wlan'

2. Browse to **umu.se**

3. Login using:

User name: **Guest132549**

Key: **ESRRnhJvbH7LdRbm**

NOTE: Abuse of the wireless network is not permitted.  
All incidents will be reported and followed up.

## Streaming

The UID26 live stream offers a unique opportunity to get a glimpse into each student's individual design journey as they strive to make positive change through design. The show also includes interviews with our specially invited guests, followed by their individual keynote addresses.

## Watch the live stream

**Day 1:** <https://live.mediaflow.com/12PEJ8VAC2>

**Day 2:** <https://live.mediaflow.com/46PEO85AV2>

# UID26 Guests

## **Above**

Emmanuelle Choteau

## **Accenture Song**

Luca Bottoni

## **Algoryx**

Anjali Acharya

## **Apple, Inc**

Alejandra Delgado

## **Bang & Olufsen**

Rasmus Breitholtz

## **Bhoof**

David Crafoord

## **BMW Group**

Daniela Bohlinger

## **BMW Group - Mini**

Holger Hampf

## **Changeworks**

Alex Liebert

## **Coloplast**

Nils Achenbach

## **Consat Design**

Ismail Ovacik

## **Dassault Systèmes**

Anne Asensio

## **Epiroc Rock Drills AB**

Bengt Parkedal

Anders Sandström

Harikrishnan Gopalakrishnan

## **Ericsson AB**

Ashutosh Biltharia

## **Expression Umeå**

Fanny Lindén

Emil Hägglund

## **Fjaryl**

Natalia Soledad Ikebara

Niklas Andreasen

Josef Ekman

## **Ford Motor Company**

Erika Tsubaki

## **Getinge Critical Care**

Ola Stray

Joakim Bergbom

**Granstudio**

Ale Argenio

**Halmstad University/  
Gavle University**

Lars Eriksson

**HfG Schwäbisch Gmünd**

Matthias Held

**Huawei**

Jakob Dawod

**icon incar**

Nico Reiter-Schroth

**Indian Motorcycles**

Ola Stenegård

**Jabra**

Karl-Otto Saarman

Philip Bellham

**KISKA**

Isaac Smith

Timur Burbaev

**Kolping**

Denise Abele

**Laerdal Medical**

Hector Mejia

Chinmay Bhogaonkar

**LINK Design &  
Development OY**

Paavo Mäkelä

**Lynk & Co**

Sebastian Goraczkowski

Jonathan Tatum Design

Philip Beller

**Marc O'Polo**

Christiane Burg

**Myra**

J-P Hagström

**Navisalma Design**

Rebecka Rudin

Martin Edlund

Andreas Berg

**New Material**

Aaron Abentheuer

**Niejda**

Ellacarin Blind

**Nokia**

Jon Sommarström

**Onegeneration**

Ceren Bagatar

**PHOENIX Design**

Bo Haug

Corinna Diestel

Andreas Haug

**Pforzheim University**

Eric Wilhelm

**Region Västerbotten,  
Swedish Centre for Rural  
Health**

Thomas Molén

Andreas Lundqvist

**Scania CV AB**

Ingrid Nilsson

Anders Lundgren

**Skellefteå Universities****Alliance**

David Eriksson

**SMS Smart Media Solutions**

Joel Grundström

**Stellantis**

Christelle Blandin

Trinchero Teddy

Emanuele Tomassorri

**Special Guest**

Aina Nilsson Ström

Jorge Furuya

**Sundsvalls Kommun**

Camilla Näsholm

**Swedbank**

Ru Zarin

**SVID**

Anna Velander Gisslén

**Swift Creatives**

Yuchen Lan

**Teams Design**

Ellis Walker

**Thule Sweden AB**

Johan Larsson

Sinan Altun

Ebba Kjellin

**Tobii Dynavox**

Giles Mitchell

**UID Alumni**

Mathilda Karlsson

Mattias Nordin

Markus Leszczyk

**Umeå Municipality**

Anna Olofsson

**Umeå University**

Linda Bresäter

Thomas Olofsson

Karolina Broman

Hans Wiklund

**Umeå University****Holding AB**

Christopher Frisk

Johan Nordlund

Samuel Isaksson

**VTI, Statens väg- och  
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Pia Kristiansson

**Volvo Cars AB**

Manu Revi Poovakkat

**Volvo CE**

Reza Tajik

**Volvo Group Design**

Nina Augustsson

Mikael Gordh

Viktor Holmqvist

**Wilddesign GmbH**

Alexander Abele

