

Project LINK brings Pallas UAS students back to Stockholm Furniture and Light Fair

The students of Pallas University of Applied Sciences present their cooperation project LINK at the Greenhouse area of the Stockholm Furniture and Light Fair from February 5-9, 2019.

During the project, 14 students studied the technological aspects of knots and joints used in furniture and textile design, and searched for playful ways to create links between different materials. The project's work process is based on teamwork, experiments and searching for a new perspective when employing different techniques. Using mainly natural materials, the starting point for the designs is to apply unexpected details and material combinations to practical objects.

The product prototypes exhibited at the Stockholm Furniture and Light Fair are the results of the ideas of five design teams. TUMBA, made of industrial felt, can be used for sitting and storage and due to its minimalist appearance fits in different environments. BIKUPAN, a *chaise longue* inspired by beehives, combines knitted textile with smoked eucalyptus. The stools KOMO61 form a product family where the textile component allows the user to easily change the colour scheme and pattern. Sound absorbing room divider LUIK, inspired by origami and Japanese forms, helps to create a separated environment in large spaces. The mysterious geometric forms and spiralling ruffles of the light object KUUU add a touch of luxury to a contemporary interior. The black and white hand-tufted rug is a joint creation of second and third year students.

Project LINK makes its first appearance at the Greenhouse area of the Stockholm Furniture and Light Fair at C18: 43. The Greenhouse is a part of the fair where young designers and design schools chosen by a jury exhibit innovative and experimental solutions. This is the starting point for new cooperation projects, and the place where prototypes find their way into production. Pallas University of Applied Sciences exhibits at the Stockholm Furniture and Light Fair for the 10th time.

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