

T i Special Interest Groups

The Textile Institute has members in all sectors of textile related industries worldwide. Special Interest Groups provide a focus for members in different sectors, and many of them organise conferences, study tours, social events and other activities in their subject area.

Design

The Design SIG is intended to bring together all members involved in or interested in, design related activities across the world. This SIG aims to promote interest in design, develop networking, provide a forum for debate and form links between education and industry.

Fashion & Technology

The Fashion & Technology SIG serves the apparel & footwear industries and was recently extended to include members with interests in leather processing and products. Current activities include support for post-professional development and the organisation of a seminar for footwear.

Schools

The Schools SIG believes it to be important to maintain the teaching of textiles in secondary schools and realise it is difficult for teachers to keep up to date with the technological developments currently taking place in the world of fashion and textiles. We aim to offer continued support to teachers and help bridge the gap between academia and industry.



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Smart Wearables

The Smart Wearables SIG looks at emerging technologies in the textile driven area of smart clothing and wearable technology. This SIG has been developing learning materials to inform the user-led design research and development of textile and clothing 'products' that are appropriate for the wearer's life style needs and culture.

Sustainable

Relatively new, the Sustainable SIG has been formed to consider issues of sustainability occurring worldwide. We are aiming to build an international network of participants with knowledge and interests across the diverse fields of environmental and sustainability relative to the sector.

Technical Textiles

The Technical Textiles SIG holds events to promote the importance of Technical Textiles and related products, bringing this interdisciplinary area to an international audience.



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