

Call out

UK Architects Declare seeks volunteers to expand our working groups - February 2024



UK Architects Declare
**Climate & Biodiversity
Emergency**

Introduction

UK Architects Declare is a growing network of architectural practices committed to addressing the climate and biodiversity emergency. Over 1,300 practices have signed [our declaration](#) (among over 8,000 signatories in different sectors across 28 countries under Built Environment Declares).

Our work builds on systems thinking, with a Plan for Change that aims to move the UK towards a bold vision for 2030: "A built environment planned, constructed and operated within planetary boundaries to deliver environmental justice and to support the flourishing of all life for all time."

Our dual approach has a focus on building agency and delivering change by:

1. Supporting and encouraging our signatory practices on pathways to delivering their declaration. We know this is challenging. Everyone has different starting points. No one can claim they've arrived.
2. Demonstrating where leaders in government, institutions and industry can change the systems behind the crisis, moving us away from degenerative 'business-as-usual', beyond 'sustainability' and towards fully regenerative solutions.

Our working groups

We plan and deliver our activities through small working groups, with Steering Group members and other volunteers from across our signatory practices and beyond. These are mostly 'task & finish' groups, typically working over periods of a few months up to a year.

We now wish to expand our groups with suitable volunteers. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in any groups below! Skills you might contribute could include research, drafting, graphics & design, proofreading, building networks, and promotion - among many other ways to support us.

1. Policy: Building Blocks to Transform the Built Environment

Always wondered how you can be a part of advocacy, shifting the dial on what policies are discussed and delivered? Interested in debate about how policy can change and steer us towards a future within planetary boundaries?

Join our Policy working group, led by Steering Group members Zoe Watson and Julia Barfield, and be part of architects and other built environment professionals advocating how to transform the built environment.

You would be part of the team that defines our approach as we engage support for our Building Blocks manifesto, which we are finalising now from [our draft](#).

2. Regenerative Design Primer

Have you worked on or studied regenerative principles and how these could shift how we design for the built environment? Our new Regenerative Design Primer - launching its first version very soon - builds on the initial chapter on this topic in our [Practice Guide](#).

Join our Regenerative Design Primer group, led by Steering Group member Anna Pamphilon and including industry leaders in this field. You would be part of the team building case studies and further guidance as we engage practices with our initial version of the Primer.

3. Regenerative Architecture Index

Interested in how we can encourage and celebrate unique and outstanding examples of regenerative design?

We are working with Architecture Today on this [innovative scheme](#) to benchmark and recognise practices and projects forging ahead with this new paradigm, moving beyond sustainability to make positive impacts, drawing on the work for our Regenerative Design Primer.

Join our Regenerative Architecture Index group, led by Steering Group member Anna Lisa McSweeney. You would be part of the team working with our AT colleagues to engage and encourage practices to apply to join the Index, support the panel of assessors who will review entries, promote examples and learning from this first year for our inaugural celebration event and plan future rounds.

4. AD Fundraising

Keen to help us build our funding base for our current and future programmes? Interested in how signatories large and small [support our work](#) and might help us do more? Want to apply and refine your knowledge and experience of funding applications and sponsorship?

Join members of our Steering Group in researching, identifying, creating and acting on opportunities to secure the resources that will help us expand our activities and achievements.

What next?

Please email hello@architectsdeclare.com to let us know the working group you're interested in and why, what skills you could lend and your time availability (ideally within working hours) initially over the next 3-9 months. You're welcome to attach your CV.

We create new groups as our work evolves. If the groups above don't sound right for you, we're always interested in hearing about the activities our signatories think AD might focus on and you would like to be involved in.