

UK Architects Declare
Climate & Biodiversity
Emergency

Impact Report

2025



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Introduction

Welcome to our 2025 impact report. Our inaugural [2019-24 report](#) celebrated our first five years of action and activism, and we are pleased to share another year of achievements in our work with our signatories, supporters and the wider built environment community.

Launched in 2019, we were the first declaration under the umbrella of what soon became Built Environment Declares, a global network that now includes 39 declarations across 28 countries and more than 8,300 signatories.

Architects Declare is many things: a declaration, a programme, a network, a charity, a critical friend, and a partner for change.

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

1. Supporting and encouraging our signatories on pathways to deliver their declaration.
2. Demonstrating where leaders can change the systems behind the crisis: to move us away from degenerative 'business-as-usual', beyond 'sustainability' and towards fully regenerative solutions.

See [our website](#) for our story, news, events and resources, and links to Built Environment Declares.

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Our declaration

The twin crises of climate breakdown and biodiversity loss are the most serious issues of our time. Buildings and construction play a major part, accounting for nearly 40% of energy-related carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions whilst also having a significant impact on our natural habitats.

For everyone working in the construction industry, meeting the needs of our society without breaching the earth's ecological boundaries will demand a paradigm shift in our behaviour. Together with our clients, we will need to commission and design buildings, cities and infrastructure as indivisible components of a larger, constantly regenerating and self-sustaining system.

The research and technology exist for us to begin that transformation now, but what has been lacking is collective will. Recognising this, we are committing to strengthening our working practices to create architecture and urbanism that have a more positive impact on the world around us.

We will seek to:



Raise awareness of the emergency among clients and suppliers



Advocate for faster change in our industry



Establish climate and biodiversity principles as key success measures



Share knowledge and research on an open-source basis



Evaluate projects against mitigating climate breakdown



Upgrade existing buildings for extended use



Evidence design with whole life carbon accounting and post-occupancy evaluation



Adopt more regenerative design principles



Collaborate to reduce construction waste



Accelerate the shift to low embodied carbon materials



Minimise wasteful use of resources in architecture and urban planning



Support those who are working for climate justice

For the full details of our 12 principles see architectsdeclare.com

2025: Our workstreams



Advocacy

We progressed our Building Blocks manifesto with 'A Circular Revolution': our call for action from government & industry. Our takeover of the London Eye engaged key stakeholders with industry pledges and policy asks to help us push for change.



Engagement

Our partnership with *Architecture Today* brought a 71% increase in entries to our Regenerative Architecture Index and new users to our emerging online community.



Guidance

Expert groups have led detailed updates of our popular Practice Guide and Regenerative Design Primer, bringing the latest thinking and evidence to the shift to new ways of working across the sector.



Education

Our first Student Ambassadors brought invaluable insights, ideas and energy to our work, shaping an expanded Next-Gen Ambassador scheme for 2026 to improve our outreach and planning with emerging architects.



Paradigm Shift

Rooted in our three pillars - being good ancestors, co-evolving with nature, and creating just space - we helped accelerate systems change by building regenerative knowledge, and working with changemakers across industry and government.



2025: Our actions at a glance...

1,400+



architectural practices across the UK have signed our declaration.

14 Steering Group members gave their expertise &

2,600+

hours as volunteers to lead our work.

40+ other experts volunteered considerable time and expertise to help deliver our activities.

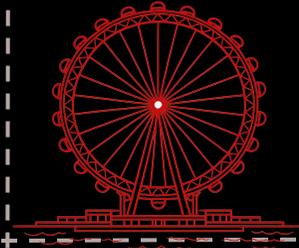
As part of our Student Ambassador scheme:

2 students joined our Steering Group & helped shape our work to engage emerging architects.

We held **10** events, with **1,000+** people,



including 'A Circular Revolution', our takeover of the London Eye to bring together stakeholders, advocating for rapid change toward a circular built environment.

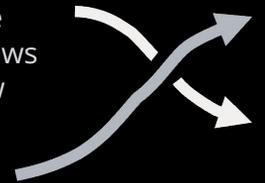


Events were held online as well as in-person, in Glasgow and in London, hosted by signatories and collaborators.

We published **1** new policy guidance for a Circular Revolution in the Built Environment.



117 organisations entered our 2nd Regenerative Architecture Index - an increase of over 70% on 2024. This growth shows the success of our work with *Architecture Today* - and new RAI partners, Schüco - on this innovative scheme.



We celebrated participants' achievements at our results event, in a special issue of [Architecture Today magazine](#) and in our new [RegenerativeArchitecture.org](#) community.

We continued building our financial sustainability as a newly registered charity, with **27** donations from our signatories, and **3** contributions from new sponsors.

2025: Sharing our message

38,000

Instagram views in 90 days

We're building consistent visibility for community and awareness content.

121,540

LinkedIn impressions in 12 months

Our message is reaching professional audiences at scale.



8,790

Instagram accounts reached in 90 days
(Insta's maximum reporting period)

39.6%

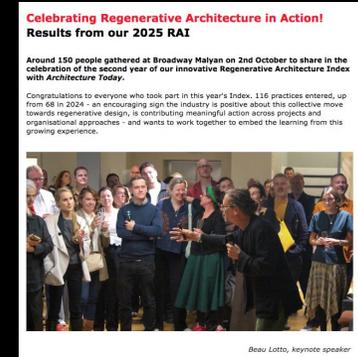
Linktree click-through

We're seeing high intent once people reach our calls-to-action.

10,843

AD newsletter opens in 2025

We're building sustained engagement with our core audience.



52%

Instagram views coming from non-followers

Our work is reaching beyond our existing network.

WE'RE RECRUITING..

Next-Gen Ambassadors

...to shape our direction, support future architects, and gain and develop insights in regenerative design

Deadline: 7th January
See link in bio to apply

@architectsdeclare_uk



68

hours of video watch time on Vimeo

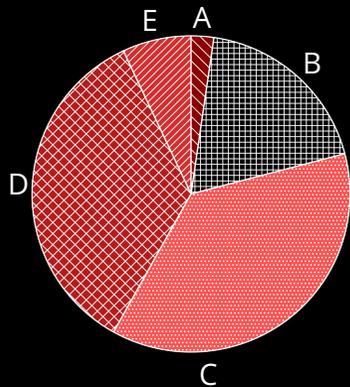
We're supporting deep engagement with long-form, specialist content.

Join the conversation: follow, like, share & tag @architectsdeclare

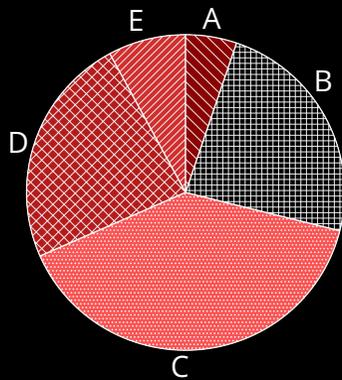
What you told us...*

We're starting to make a real difference to practices and the built environment overall.

How would you judge AD's overall impact within the built environment sector over the past 12 months?



How would you judge AD's overall impact for your practice over the past 12 months?

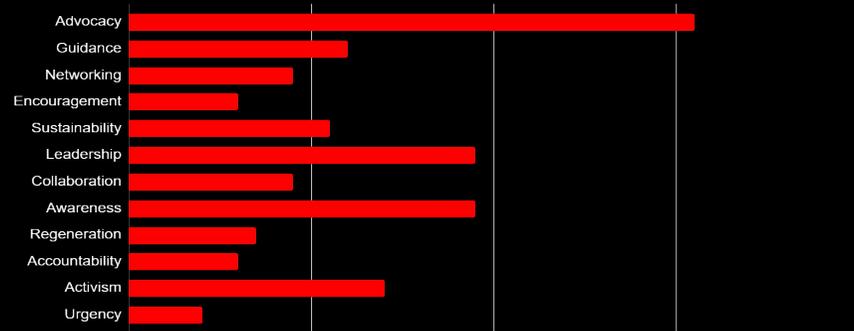


A - Transformative
B - Significant
C - Moderate
D - Limited
E - Negligible

* results based on 44 responses to our online questionnaire, (Sept-Dec 2025).

Our most powerful areas of influence are in advocacy, activism, leadership and awareness raising.

Which of these words do you think best describes ADs main roles?



We are already changemakers...

AD is an anchor.

(Being a signatory) tells the staff that we are serious about wanting to do something. This hopefully empowers them to contribute to the discussion.

Reading the impact report for the past 5 years, what an inspiring and informative piece of work.

...But we still have work to do...

While AD has been doing fantastic work in pushing for change, there is still widespread apathy from the industry. Architects need to upskill and take agency!

I'm not sure that AD has been as visible as it could / should be.

Your impact stories

“Creating the best, most important and high profile built environment event of the year and it focussed on sustainability and the circular economy. Well done UKAD.”

Duncan Baker-Brown /
Director, Baker-Brown
Studio



“We are a Certified B Corporation and AD aligns 100% with our business model.”

Rachael Emous-Austin CMLI /
Director, Austin Design Works Ltd



“We have restructured the practice based on the three pillars of AD's Regenerative Design Primer, leading to the creation of three Regenerative Design 'Super Groups' (Environmental Justice, Social Justice, and Future Practice) each comprising three Regenerative Design sub-groups.”

Tom Greenall / Director, DSDHA



“AD is one node on a network that has raised awareness and created useful paths to action.”

James Soane /
Founding Director, Project Orange



Looking forward

At our planning session for 2026, the Steering Group confirmed our continued focus on the key workstreams we set last year:



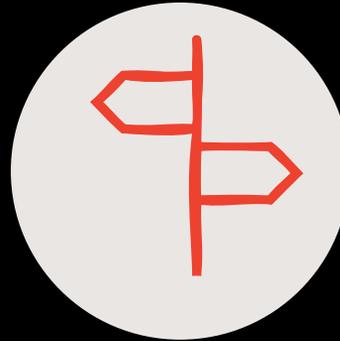
Advocacy

Influencing policy through our Circular Revolution campaign as a cross-industry platform.



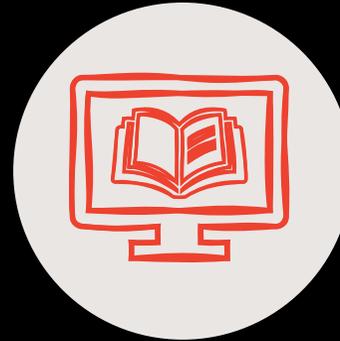
Engagement

Bringing more practices into the RAI, our events, 'Meet the Steering Group' sessions and volunteering opportunities.



Guidance

Updating our Practice Guide and Regenerative Design Primer and producing a simple guide for signatories to identify their declaration progress and actions.



Education

Investing in a new team of Next-Gen Ambassadors to help drive change, and build links with architecture schools.



Paradigm Shift

Embedding our core regenerative principles: being a good ancestor, co-evolving with nature, and creating a just space for people.

Examples of our focus for the year ahead.

Get involved!

Our work would not be possible without the involvement and support of a large number of people and organisations. Thank you to all of you. We are grateful for:

Your expertise

Members of our [Steering Group](#) and working groups are all volunteers, who give considerable time and knowledge to AD. Signatories can assist us with venues for events and giving time for employees to volunteer. Contact us find out how to get involved.

Your ideas

Our annual survey helps us to understand how we're helping you achieve shared goals and to learn where we can do more.

Our Meet the Steering Group sessions on Zoom are a way for signatories to share issues in their work and feedback for AD.

You can send feedback at any time. And we'd love to hear your stories of how AD can support your work; do get in touch.

Your voice

Follow, share, like, comment and join the conversation online.

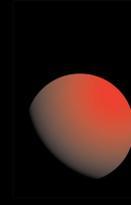
Your financial support

We invite signatories to make an annual donation to support our work (suggested rate: £20 per architect employed). Support from signatories of all sizes around the UK means we can expand our activities.

And we welcome sponsorship from appropriate suppliers of products and services. Thanks to: TECHNAL UK, Mike Wye Ltd, and IES for sponsorship in 2025.

Each contribution makes a huge difference to what we can achieve together.

Find our current donors and sponsors and how you can help at our [Support us](#) page.



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Regenerative Architecture online with
Architecture Today:

RegenerativeArchitecture.org

Design based on previous report design
(Feb 2025) by Meha Patel [@m.exhibit](#)
& UK Architects Declare design guidance
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