



## UK Architects Declare Climate & Biodiversity Emergency

### AD Student Ambassador Role Description & Application

August 2024

**UK Architects Declare seeks dynamic Part 2 Architectural Student/s to join Steering Group.**

**Deadline for applications: 20th September 2024**

#### Introduction

Formed in 2019, [UK Architects Declare](#) is a growing network of architectural practices committed to addressing the climate and biodiversity emergency. We have recently registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (No. 1207518), and full members of our [Steering Group](#) are trustees of the CIO.

Over 1,350 practices have signed [our declaration](#) (among over 8,100 signatories in different sectors across 28 countries under Built Environment Declares). Our vision for the UK's built environment sector in 2030 is bold: "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 Plan for Change](#) demonstrates AD's dual approach to this, with a shared focus on building agency and delivering change:

1. Supporting and encouraging our signatory practices on pathways to delivering their declaration.
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 trustees are all volunteers and bring experience from working in a range of practices and other appropriate organisations. We now wish to build on this breadth and depth by ensuring our discussions and plans also benefit from the perspectives of architectural students. We are therefore recruiting a Part 2 student/s to join as a non-voting member of the Steering Group. Although not a trustee of the CIO, this student/s will contribute to the full range of the Steering Group's discussions. This is a voluntary position.

#### What is involved?

AD's full Steering Group meets every four weeks to review and plan our priorities and activities. SG members also belong to different subgroups that meet between the SG meetings to deliver various projects (e.g. developing guidance, events, initiatives etc) and core functions (e.g. finances, communications etc). The SG is supported by two part-time paid roles: a Manager and a Communications Officer.

## **Why are we recruiting now?**

As we mark our first five years and plan for our next period of work, we want to ensure AD's approach is informed by and remains relevant to a wide range of current and emerging thought on architecture's place in tackling the planetary emergency. We seek a student ambassador/s who can draw on their learning in academia and in practice and their knowledge of student architectural networks to help shape our thinking, how we engage with different audiences, who we collaborate with, what support we offer signatories, and where we can best intervene to change the systems that perpetuate a degenerative built environment to ones that promote regenerative policies and actions.

## **What are we looking for?**

The ideal candidate/s will demonstrate:

- a good understanding of the importance of architecture and regenerative design to deliver positive change on the planetary emergency;
- engagement with existing student climate action networks in order to represent AD in these networks;
- an ability to bring current learning, debate and ideas from architectural learning in academia and in practice to Steering Group discussions;
- a commitment to take part in online SG meetings every 4 weeks (Fridays, 8.30-10.30 on Zoom);
- the flexibility to take part in other meetings on specific activities they might support the SG with;
- a total time commitment of around 8-10 hours per month;
- confidentiality in all discussions on AD decisions and planning.

## **What is the expected start date and period of appointment?**

This is a voluntary position. It is expected that the student/s will start with AD in October 2024 (with their first SG Zoom meeting on Friday 11th October, 8.30-10.30am) for a period of 9 months to June 2025.

## **What is the application process?**

This is a two-stage process.

Stage 1: Please email [hello@architectsdeclare.com](mailto:hello@architectsdeclare.com) by 11.00pm 20th September with a completed copy of the application form on the next page included in the text, and attaching a current CV (1 to 2 pages maximum). Please also complete our online [Equality & Diversity monitoring form](#).

Stage 2: If shortlisted, you will be invited for an informal, online discussion with members of the Steering Group, to take place soon after 20th September.

## AD Student Ambassador - Application form

<b>Full name</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Current architectural course</b>	
<b>Referee</b>	
<b>Current / most recent architectural placement</b>	
<b>Referee</b>	
<b>Please list relevant qualifications / expertise / additional roles</b>	
<b>300 word description of what knowledge, skills or expertise you offer and your interest in UK Architects Declare.</b>	