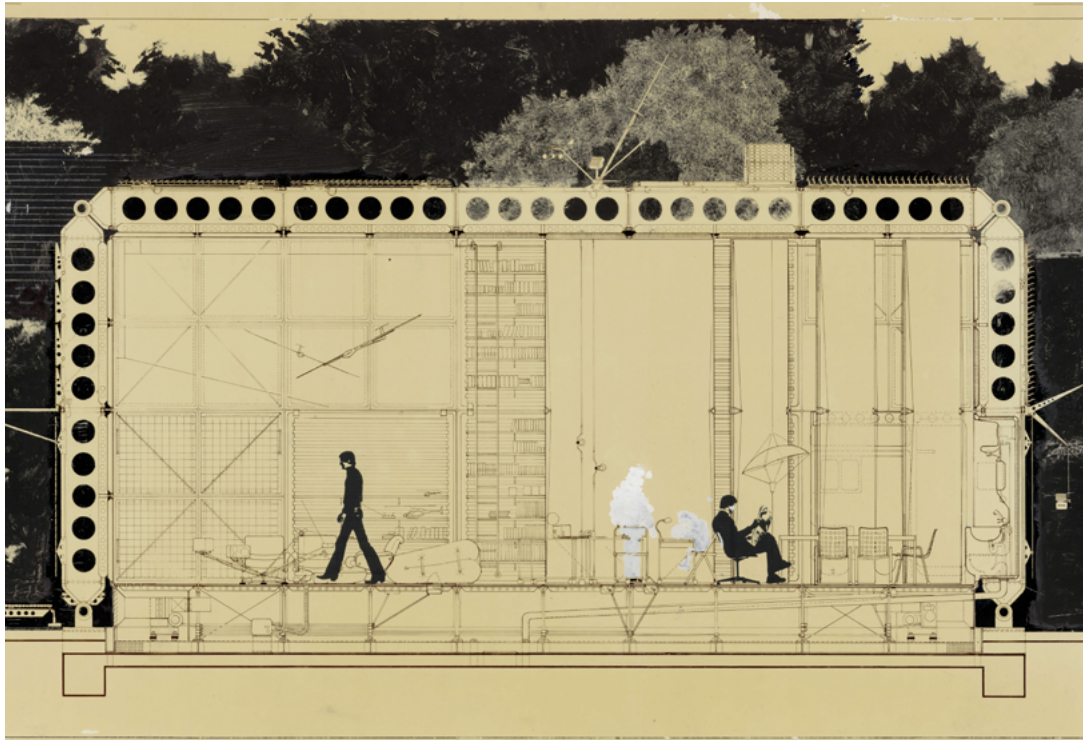


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NORMAN FOSTER FOUNDATION CITIES: AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKSHOP 14 - 18 NOVEMBER 2022



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The Norman Foster Foundation presents the Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop, which will take place from 14 - 18 November 2022, with the support of the Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction.

How do we deliver affordable housing in our cities? The 2022 NFF Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop will look at how the various stakeholders can meet demand for housing in cities while exploring what architecture and design can do to meet the challenge.

The provision of Affordable Housing in our cities is central to delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals and for people to continue to thrive in our cities through a period of urbanisation. The challenge is unprecedented. We are facing rapid and unplanned urbanisation, climate change together with an energy crisis and rising cost of living, migration, and the financialization of housing. Productivity in our construction industry has remained flat for decades and we are slow to adopt new methods and technologies. We have resource scarcity leading in part to rapidly increasing material prices and a big carbon footprint associated with our traditional materials and methods.

We will explore this problem through three lenses: (i) innovative design and construction, (ii) urban planning and placemaking and (iii) social and public matters. With contributions from a multidisciplinary range of leading experts, the workshop will address the provision of affordable housing in cities of different contexts globally.

The workshop is supported by the Holcim Foundation and represents an opportunity to join an exceptional network of experts working globally to find sustainable solutions to the built environment.

The Workshop's Academic Body brings together a wide range of practitioners from different fields related to housing. The Academic Body includes: **Alejandro Aravena**, Executive Director, ELEMENTAL, Santiago, Chile; ELEMENTAL Copec Chair, Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile; **Peter van Assche**, Founding Principal, bureau SLA, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Lector of Architecture and Circular Thinking, Amsterdam University of the Arts, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; STO Foundation Visiting Professor, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT), Karlsruhe, Germany; **Tatiana Bilbao**, Principal, Tatiana Bilbao Estudio, Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico; **Jonathan Ledgard**, Founder, Rossums Studio, Lausanne, Switzerland; Director, Afrotech Future Africa Initiative (Afrotech-EPFL), École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland; **Susana Saiz**, Director, Arup Spain, Madrid, Spain, **Stuart Smith**, Director, Arup Germany, Berlin, Germany and **Maria Vassilakou**, Former Vice Mayor, Vienna, Austria. As Mobile Workshop Members, it will also include: **Arenas Basabe Palacios Arquitectos**, Madrid, Spain; **Javier Camacho and Maria Eugenia Maciá**, Founding Directors, cmA Arquitectos, Madrid, Spain; Professors of Architectural and Construction Projects, Escuela Politécnica Superior, Universidad CEU San Pablo, Madrid, Spain and **Francisco Javier Sáenz Guerra**, Professor of Architecture and Design, Escuela Politécnica Superior, Universidad CEU San Pablo, Madrid, Spain.

After reviewing hundreds of applications submitted by candidates from around the world, the selection committee awarded ten scholarships to students from the following universities and institutions: Institute of Advanced Architecture of Catalonia (laaC); Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, United States; Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETH Zürich), Zurich, Switzerland; Harvard University Graduate School of Design (GSD); the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); University of Cape Town (UCT), Cape Town, Technische Universität München (TUM), Munich, Germany; South Africa and Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP), Columbia University, New York, NY, United States.

Public Debates

Date and time: Wednesday, 16 November from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Venue: Fundación Francisco Giner de los Ríos, Paseo del General Martínez Campos 14, Madrid, Spain

Speakers include Alejandro Aravena, Tatiana Bilbao, Norman Foster, Jonathan Ledgard, Stuart Smith, Peter van Assche, and Maria Vassilakou.

Limited spaces are reserved for press. If you are interested in attending the Public Debate, please contact us at press@normanfosterfoundation.org.

Norman Foster Foundation

The Norman Foster Foundation promotes interdisciplinary thinking and research to help new generations anticipate the future. The first mission of the Norman Foster Foundation is to make visible the centrality of architecture, infrastructure and urbanism for the betterment of society. To this end, the second mission is to encourage new thinking and research across traditional boundaries in order to help younger generations anticipate the challenges of future change. In particular, the foundation speaks to those professionals who are concerned with the environment—architects, engineers, designers, urbanists, civic leaders, planners and artists. This is at the heart of the foundation's holistic approach to design and is ever more relevant as populations shift to cities. With the implications of climate change, robotics and artificial intelligence, sustainable design is not about fashion but about survival. The Foundation holds the Norman Foster Archive and Library, which provide a window into the larger narrative and history of our built environment through the work of Norman Foster. This is complemented and supported by drawings and models from other significant architects such as Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, Le Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe, Charles and Ray Eames, Buckminster Fuller, Richard Rogers, Zaha Hadid and Tadao Ando. Through its research initiatives and programmes, the Norman Foster Foundation encourages the transfer of advanced knowledge in a wide range of design fields. The Foundation's educational initiatives are structured around research, workshops, fellowships and forums, built around the Foundation's core objectives. The Norman Foster Foundation is based in Madrid and operates globally.

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Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction

The Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction helps to drive systemic change towards a more sustainable built environment. It was founded in 2003 to define and promote the key principles of sustainability for the construction sector and is committed to accelerating the sector's transformation so that people and the planet can thrive. The Holcim Foundation has investigated various aspects of sustainable housing via a series of roundtables and conferences with international experts. It has also recognised excellent contributions to the field of sustainable construction with the Holcim Awards, which are considered the world's most significant competition for sustainable design.

Affordable housing solutions will play an important role to address the effects of rapid population growth and urbanisation combined with climate change. To address this issue, the Holcim Foundation is now joining forces with the Norman Foster Foundation to support the Cities: Affordable Housing Workshop. This workshop offers a platform for the next generation of researchers and practitioners to meet in a week-long laboratory. Talented students and experts from a range of universities and disciplines are coming together to reflect on and extend the possibilities for dignified housing solutions in cities. The workshops will work on case studies to identify challenges and propositions in relation to specific urban contexts in the world with respect to social, economic and environmental issues.

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