



ARCHITECTURE IN DEVELOPMENT | A.I.D.

How to connect local initiatives, talents and locations in a global and long-lasting way? Where can you find the stories that lie behind specific buildings, places and situations in many different cultures? These are obvious questions, but up to now there are no obvious answers. Soon, that is going to change.

On September 16, 2011, a new website will go online: Architecture In Development (A.I.D.). The goal of this open source architecture platform is not only making information and knowledge about architecture and sustainable development as accessible as possible, but also establishing new attitudes and ways of thinking that will contribute to the further development worldwide.

Architecture seems increasingly like petrified design in public spaces, visually stimulating with the main aim to seduce and conquer the market. Luxury product for those who can afford it; must-see status and icons designed to thrill with the goal to be listed in the annals of architecture. This is the architecture-of-today that gets plenty of attentions from media and trade journals. But, how and where to find examples of architectural expressions that are less visible, less significant but with enduring contributions to our society? Or examples that give form to the everyday banalities, customs, traditions and desires that bind a community together? To answer these questions, Architecture In Development is initiated: an open accessible architecture platform - for critical colleagues, committed professionals, passionate amateurs and free thinkers who dare to look further and practice beyond the limits of their own profession and culture.

Architecture can mean much more once it is lifted from the modernist harness and orientated towards sharing knowledge and skills. Architecture In Development uses the current web technology and digital communications to bring the worldwide available but scattered information together. Architecture In Development goes beyond the inventory of architectural projects, publications and activities. The website invites people and organizations around the world to share and contribute their knowledge and experiences, to document, to inspire each other and to bring about synergy. It also actively connects and brings together these offers and demands: where solutions are needed to tackle, on the one hand, the excessive amount of vacant buildings, and on the other hand, the need of shelters.

<http://www.architectureindevelopment.org/> offers the opportunities for everyone to freely exchange knowledge and ideas, and contribute collectively in our living environment. Please don't hesitate to use this website for limitless adventures, for places with ancient traditions, for buildings which the community itself has produced or for meaningful stories from different cultures.

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