The annual Housing Design Forum explores design trends, regulations, practice innovations, and demographic changes that influence the design of homes in the Pacific Northwest. This year’s forum will investigate current trends, highlighting innovative single-family residential design case studies and practices that support plentiful, thoughtful, diverse, and sustainable housing options for current and future residents alike. The program elevates projects and the work behind them with a focus on regional context and sustainable strategies.

For over 40 years, the Architecture for Health Committee (AHC) has provided vital networking and education programming for a regional audience spanning Washington and Oregon, dedicated to healthcare design, systems, and strategies. These programs are shaped by an inter-disciplinary team jointly based in Portland and Seattle, drawing a dedicated, congenial audience of highly engaged professionals. Each program features a keynote speaker, regional project presentations and/or tours, and an array of panel discussions and lightning talks, the latter focused on drawing emerging professionals. The sessions represent a comprehensive look at the innovations, codes, and adaptations of the region’s healthcare systems, and their interactions with our broader built environment.

Post-Disaster Safety Assessment Training Program (SAP) provides architects, engineers, building officials, and inspectors with the knowledge to provide evaluation of buildings and larger infrastructure in the aftermath of a disastrous event. This two-day virtual program will train architects to be first-responders to help folks transition to safely reoccupying, clearing, or demolishing buildings after a major event.

This year’s series includes 4 sessions – two 2-hour sessions, and two 4-hour sessions – that explore a variety of building code-related topics. Each year, experts from the AIA Seattle Code Committee (representing the public and private sector) determine the most relevant topics to focus on, including recent local code updates, existing building requirements, accessibility, and compliance issues and implications.

What opportunities exist for architects to make actionable impact on climate right now? What are the technical skills, research, tools, and policies we need today to accelerate a more sustainable, decarbonized, equitable and resilient built environment tomorrow? Our annual Climate Leadership Summit advances research and knowledge, bringing together interdisciplinary leaders and design professionals to amplify the role of the profession in climate and sustainability at varying scales. This year’s Summit will continue the evolution of previous topics, such as resilience thinking, rapid decarbonization, and a just transition, and consider conditions that allow future generations and ecosystems to thrive.

**Building Code Series**
February – November

**Justice & Equity Series**
March – October

**Climate Leadership Summit**
April

**AHC Spring/Fall Conference**
May + November

**Housing Design Forum**
June

**SAP Training**
March

**Small Firm Series**
July, September, December

* Additional details provided approximately 6-8 weeks before each program’s dates
Member Committees

Adaptation & Resilience
Asian American Architects & Designers Union
Architecture for Health Committee
Committee on Architecture for Education
Committee on Homelness
Code Committee
Committee on the Environment
DRT
Fellows & Honors

AIA Seattle champions the central role of architects in creating and sustaining a better built environment.

2022 Programs + Events

Recognition

Honor Awards for WA Architecture

November

AIA Seattle’s marquee program, the nationally-recognized Honor Awards for Washington Architecture, explores our state’s best design in an event of unique rigor and breadth. This prestigious program, recognizing individuals and project teams, provides an important opportunity for the design community to consider the state of architectural design and share its achievements with practitioners and the community-at-large. The program features a national and often international jury.

Individual Awards Program

December

AIA Seattle brings back this distinct member-recognition program, celebrating individual awardees and newly-licensed architects.

Seattle Design Festival

Begins August 20

The Seattle Design Festival (SDF) is the region’s largest public design event, which brings together community members, design experts, and city leaders to celebrate and explore all the ways design improves the quality of our lives.

- Make a Difference. Demonstrate the relevance of your work to a large public audience.
- Connect. Engage with the design community and give your team a chance to network and engage the public.
- Showcase Your Work. Show the city what your firm can do with great design, and why it matters.
- Attract Talent. Leverage unique networking opportunities with up-and-coming designers in architecture, urban planning, graphic design, fashion, visual art, film, dance, industrial design, gaming, etc.

Diversity by Design Exhibit

January - July

Diversity by Design showcases a diverse group of project teams working in Seattle, highlighting their community impact or experiences as architects of color in the design of the built environment. Curated by the AIA Seattle Diversity Roundtable Committee, this traveling display complements their ongoing collection of North West Regional projects that feature individuals and businesses whose work reflects the inclusive spirit that has energized the Roundtable since its origins in 1986.

SDF Pavilion Design Competition

Launched January

Winning design selected March

We invite multidisciplinary artists and designers to submit proposals for a central pavilion for the 2022 Seattle Design Festival. The pavilion will serve as the hub for pop-up programming at the Block Party, with all, or a portion of the design, also being used as a visual anchor at other Festival events.

ByDesign Film Festival

March 17 - 20 in-person
March 17 - 27 online

Northwest Film Forum’s annual ByDesign Festival will be curated and promoted in partnership with Seattle Design Festival. ByDesign is a cross-cultural exploration of people, structures, and ideas at the intersection of design and the moving image.

SDF Fundraising Event

May 4

The Seattle Design Festival is a community-driven program made possible by donations from our community. Join us for a night of design and celebration, including stories from our partners, unique silent auction items, menu by That Brown Girl Cooks, fun, and entertainment at the Seattle Design Festival’s annual fundraising event! And the Puttin’ on the Green at the Block Party.