

What?

AIA Chicago Community Interface Committee **Community Interface**

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Mission Statement

The Community Interface Committee is dedicated to increasing the visibility and participation of architects within community groups and non-profit organizations.

The Committee will act as:

1. A network and forum for exchange of knowledge related to public interest work.
2. A point of contact for community groups and non profit groups that seek solutions.
3. A liaison between the AIA and established pro-bono design groups
4. Support for architects' involvement in civic activities



Who?

Who wants to participate?

- Socially minded architects and designers.
- Students and recent graduates looking for professional experience
- Professionals seeking pro-bono experience
- A/E firms looking to fulfill community service commitments
- Socially minded professionals with specific expertise in engineering, finance, construction, code interpretation, etc.
- 1% / Public Architecture program growing at a rate of 12 firms a week; over 650 firms nationwide to date
- Architecture for Humanity: 60 chapters worldwide, 300 new chapter inquiries per year

Who needs help?

- Communities with un-addressed design problems.
- Nonprofit organizations in need of design solutions. Design services could encompass graphic design, ADA/accessibility upgrades, marketing materials, life safety concerns, building code violations as well as a full range of architectural design services.
- Partner organizations within Chicago such as Architecture for Humanity (AFH), Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR), City Design Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Archeworks.
- Over 350 organizations have registered with Public Architecture's 1% program nationwide

Why?

Our strength in problem solving can be applied to provide solutions for a wide array of dilemmas facing communities and nonprofit organizations. Active involvement of the architectural profession in community related design concerns will build stronger connections with Chicago residents and acquaint them to the benefits of working with a designer. Together we can:

- Address a need in our communities
- Redefine the public image of architects
- Provide experience & leadership opportunities
- Mentor young architects
- Enhance dialogue between those that need design services & those that can provide them

When & How?



