

# Architects Declare Progress Statement 2025





“For everyone working in the construction industry, meeting the needs of our society without breaching the earth’s ecological boundaries will demand a paradigm shift in our behaviour.”

UK Architects Declare

Architects Declare is a network of architectural practices across the world committed to addressing the climate and biodiversity crisis.

Those who have joined the collective are dedicated to strengthening working practices to help create architecture and urbanism that has a more positive impact on our environment.

The signatories sign a declaration to show their dedication to creating positive change. This consists of 12 Declarations.

AEW have been a signatory to Architects Declare since 2020, publishing an annual report to be transparent about the work we are doing, to try and embed the 12 Declarations into our practice.

In 2024, AEW Architects was listed in the Regenerative Architecture Index (RAI) launched by Architecture Today and UK Architects Declare. The aim of the RAI is to benchmark practices on their regenerative policies, actions and operations instead of their profitability or size. AEW was listed as “Ones to Watch” for “Being a Good Ancestor”.

# Being a good ancestor...

## Raise Awareness



sustainability ambassadors

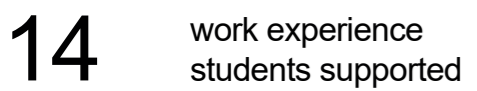


sustainability focused internal CPDs

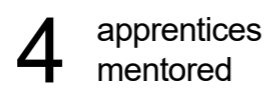


sustainability focused industry roundtables

## Share Knowledge



DEC Partnership with Ashton on Mersey School



372 learner interactions



170 learning hours



62 volunteer hours



2 teachers trained



12 DEC awards

## Collaborate & Reduce



material efficiency plans



industry panels



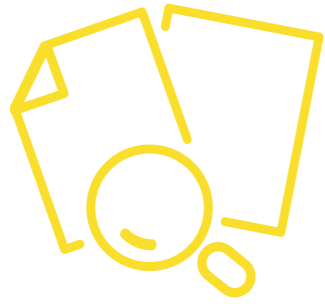
sustainability client engagement sessions



# Co-evolving with nature...

## Whole Life

**3**  
Stage 2 LCAs completed



**7**  
Stage 4 LCAs completed

## Regenerative Design

**9**  
awards including  
"Regeneration of the Year"



**4**  
energy and overheating  
models informing concepts



## Evaluate Projects

**4**  
energy & sustainability  
statements completed



**4**  
overheating models  
informing design stage



## Low Carbon

**115,000 sq ft**  
aligned with UK Net Zero Carbon  
Building Standard in design



**200,000 sq ft**  
BREEAM outstanding  
development in design



## Minimise Waste

Advocating  
for retaining  
structures rather  
than building new



# Creating a just space for people...

## Change Fast

# 3

open source insight articles  
written by the leadership team



- + Unlocking brownfield regeneration
- + Future proofing our towns and cities
- + Passivhaus places for everyone

Maintained  
ISO14001

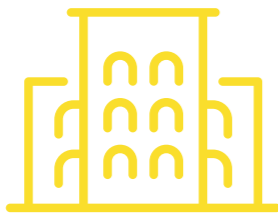
Celebrated  
1 year as a  
B Corp



## Upgrade Existing

# 593

affordable home retrofits  
in design



# 57%

of workload improving  
existing buildings



## Mitigation Principles

Passivhaus low  
energy homes

# 245

in technical design

# 24

in construction

Town  
regenerations

# 1

in technical design

# 1

in construction

## Climate Justice

# 1

EDI focused  
industry roundtables



# 3

internal EDI  
focused workshops



# 13

EDI champions





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