Building a Future

Architecture for displaced populations in Greece and Turkey.

The refugee crisis is one of the biggest challenges facing global society and with the effects of climate change and the Afghan diaspora it will grow in scale and importance.

Studio 10 offers you the chance to engage with the refugee crisis through working directly with NGOs, Volunteers, refugees and host communities. The studio focusses on live projects in the Eastern Mediterranean frontier with the EU and we will be proposing community, educational and housing projects in Lesvos, Greece and in Izmir, Turkey.

The emphasis will be on architectural proposals that meet the practical needs of refugees and migrants and support their cultural identity and personal dignity. We will also investigate our personal and collective duties and responsibilities as architects and will not be shy to talk about beauty, poetics and emotions.

This year in addition to making your individual projects we will work together with our partners in Turkey to design and build a classroom on the roof of the Tiafi Community Centre in Izmir.

Site of Investigation
Throughout the year, the studio will be working closely with NGO and academic partners in Izmir and Lesvos who will provide practical and logistical support and facilitate access to refugees and volunteers. Depending on the Covid 19 situation it is our intention to visit Greece and Turkey in the Autumn and take part in the live build project in Izmir, but this is not prerequisite.

Studio Agenda and Methodology
The studio will adopt the methodology of the Free Unit including the making of a personal contract, the identification of identification of ten project friends and the giving of a gift project to our project friends and collaborators.

In joining the studio, you will have the chance to make a real impact. You will no longer have to worry in the abstract about your role as an architect; the need is clear and your skills as a designer, maker, builder, communicator, fundraiser and engaged global citizen are valuable and urgently needed. We see the studio as the first part of your future practice not just the last part of your education. Your proposals will feed into two Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF) projects, for how displaced people are received into urban and peri urban situations and the spatial, housing and cultural infrastructure needed to support them.

Join the studio and make a difference.

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