Young Architects Forum advisory committee

Meet the 2020 Young Architects Forum leadership

2020 YAF initiatives:

Advocacy Focus Group
Providing a voice for issues facing young architects. Highlighting civic engagement opportunities related to the AIA’s Big Move, family leave, and other “uncomfortable issues.”

Communications Focus Group
Connecting the voices of emerging professionals through the quarterly publication of Connection. Topics for the year include climate action; civic and community leadership; equity and diversity initiatives in architecture; and practice innovation.

Community Focus Group
Building supportive relationships between emerging professionals by spotlighting outstanding component level programs, demonstrating how to create a successful local emerging professionals committee, sharing how to facilitate the EP Friendly Firm Award, and providing mentorship tips.

Knowledge Focus Group
Increasing the visibility of YAF through continued collaboration within the AIA and outside the AIA. Leading as information architects and curating A’20 and A’21 sessions related to innovation and the Big Move.

Strategic Vision (Practice Innovation) Focus Group:
Creating explorative opportunities for testing ideas that disrupt the traditional concept of practice, process and thought. Highlighting successful practice innovation programs through toolkits, spotlights, and awards.

Resource guide:

AIA’s Center for Emerging Professionals

AIA YAF KnowledgeNet
A resource for discussion, blogs, announcements and events at network.aia.org/yaf

AIA Trust
A free risk management resource for AIA members.

AIA College of Fellows
Check out the College of Fellow’s reciprocal newsletter.

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Meet the 2020 Young Architect Regional Directors

Young Architects Forum regional leadership

The Young Architect Forum (YAF) is an outgrowth of a 1989 AIA Grassroots program involving 36 young architects from around the nation. The issues raised and potential benefits visualized at that meeting led to the 1991 formation of a national YAF Committee.

The YAF Committee, modeled on the structure of the College of Fellows (COF), has regional directors (YARDs) from each AIA region who serve as the primary conduit between their respective local AIA chapters and the national YAF Advisory Committee (AdCom).

Through the different focus group efforts, YAF seeks to engage recently licensed architects in leadership to become agents of change, advocate for issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects, inspire professional growth amongst the recently licensed and promote mentorship at all career stages and provide a community network of peers throughout the nation.