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# Annual

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# Report

# Our Mission

The Urban Design Forum is an independent membership organization that advances bold solutions to urban challenges. Our Fellows are designers, developers and public officials.

# Director's Letter ↓

Thank you again for your extraordinary support for the Forum. As we close the year, I want to share our tremendous progress.

We celebrated our 40th anniversary this year with our most ambitious year to date, leading 35 events across six major inquiries. We hired two new staff, welcomed six new members to our Board, grew our membership by 110 new Fellows and 20 Company Members. We published our collection of ideas on the future of mobility, and prepared another on restoring New York's public works. And we moved back to Manhattan, settling in the heart of Chinatown.

We are proud of what we have achieved with an incredibly modest budget and four full-time staff. It was the result of an extraordinary team effort between our staff, Board, Director's Circle, and Fellows to make this year possible.

As we reflect on our history and recent success, our original mission remains—to convene experts across disciplines, present best practices from around the world, and advance visions for a vibrant, verdant and just New York.

New York City deserves an organization advocating for progressive design, creative development and nimble government. We are energized about building this organization with you – thank you again for your collaboration.

Let's get to work—

Daniel McPhee  
Executive Director

# Next New York

We debate the defining issues facing New York City in roundtables, forums, and tours throughout the year. Our programs gather our Fellows for candid conversation in an off-the-record setting.



# Onward ↓

In the fall of 2018, we published *Onward: Mobility in the Next New York*, an inventory of 40 new ideas for our roads, rails, and river crossings.

## Featured Proposals ↓

- Advance Fair Fares for All, Reimagine the Brooklyn Strand, Zone for Mass Transit, Reinvent the Traffic Light, Activate our Subway Stations, Connect Underserved Neighborhoods and Reform the Curb

## Featured Writers ↓

- Rohit Aggarwala, Rebecca Bailin, Vishaan Chakrabarti, Eugenia Di Girolamo, Alex Garvin, Margaret Newman, AJ Pires, Jack Robbins, Ydanis Rodriguez, Oliver Schaper, Sam Schwartz, Jeffrey Shumaker, Michael Sorkin, Shin-pei Tsay, Sabina Uffer, Jay Walder and Claire Weisz



40 Proposals advanced  
430 Copies shared  
May 2018 Publication release

# Maintaining ↓

Our *Maintaining* series, which culminated in the spring of 2018, convened forty speakers over eleven events to strategize restoring our city's essential public works.

## 2018 Events ↓

- Valuing Parks: Financing Neighborhood Parks
- Expanding the Business Improvement District
- Housing Affordability as Infrastructure

## Featured Speakers ↓

- Meredith Almeida, Scott Anderson, Ellen Baer, Laura Hansen, Elissa Hoagland, Andrew Lavalley, Josh Levin, Betsy MacLean Sam Marks, Signe Nielsen, Leslie Ramos, Greg Schiefelbein, Mitchell Silver, and Barika Williams



**3** Roundtable conversations  
**257** Civic leaders convened  
**2019** Publication to be released

# Work Force ↓

In the spring of 2018, we launched *Work Force: Urban Design for an Evolving Economy*, an inquiry exploring how to improve economic outcomes for all New Yorkers through urban design.

## 2018 Events ↓

- Anchoring Manufacturing: Brooklyn Navy Yard
- Retail After E-Commerce
- 25 Kent Tour: New Manufacturing
- Night Shift: Designing an Equitable Night Realm

## Featured Speakers ↓

- Lena Afridi, Gregg Bishop, Joseph Brancato, David Ehrenberg, Jeff Fronek, David Gilford, Adam Lubinsky, Toby Moskovits, Larisa Ortiz, Ariel Palitz, Danny Pearlstein, Bridget Russo, Leni Schwendinger, Andreina Seijas, Paul van der Grient, Claire Weisz and Luc Wilson



**4** Roundtable conversations and tours  
**319** Civic leaders convened  
**2020** Publication to be released

# Global Exchange

The Urban Design Forum is a destination for international visionaries to share recent work and research. Our international programs foster dialogue between New York and its peer cities.

# Private Development ↓

On our 40th anniversary, the Urban Design Forum launched *Private Development & Public Good*, aiming to foster dialogue between New York and its peer cities.

## 2018 Events ↓

- Galaxy SOHO: Architectural Innovation in Beijing
- Transbay: Transit District in San Francisco
- Barangaroo South: Climate-Neutral Development
- Pocket Living: Middle-Income Housing in London
- King's Cross: Extending London's Public Realm

## Featured Speakers ↓

- Vishaan Chakrabarti, Fred Clarke, Jay Cross, Ivan Harbour, Paul Paradis, David Partridge, Marc Vlessing, Andrew Wilson and Xin Zhang



5 Presentations

464 Civic leaders convened

# NYLON ↓

Hosted with New London Architecture and American Institute for Architects, we bring together professionals from New York and London to share best practices.

## 2018 Events ↓

- Regional Planning: London and New York
- Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

## Featured Speakers ↓

- Richard Brown, Alice Brownfield, Joslyn Carter, Margaret O'Donoghue Castillo, Jonathan Marvel, Carolyn Grossman Meagher, Sadie Morgan, Peter Murray, Pam Orchard, Ben Prosky, Jonathan Rose, Marilyn Taylor, Jennifer Travassos, and Tom Wright



2 Transatlantic conversations

200 Civic leaders engaged

# Forefront Fellowship

Forefront is an annual initiative dedicated to cultivating emerging leaders in urban design, development and policy. Each year, 20 individuals are selected as Forefront Fellows.



# Design for Arrival ↓

Our second cohort explored how urban design can strengthen historic and emerging immigrant communities in New York City.

## Fellowship Projects ↓

- Democratizing the Workplace: Worker Co-Ops
- Arrival House: Co-Living for New Immigrants
- Parks Design for/by Immigrants
- Agency through Art
- Mapping a Region for Immigrants

## Featured Speakers ↓

- Brian Baldor, Walter Barrientos, Moses Gates, Mark Ginsberg, Isaac Henderson, Sterling Jawitz, Kaja Kühl, Bitta Mostofi, Kavita Pawria-Sanchez, Isella Ramirez and William Spisak



**3** Workshops and tours  
**6** Community-based organizations engaged  
**12** Stakeholders engaged

# Shelter for All ↓

In partnership with the New York City Department of Homeless Services and AIA New York, our third cohort are exploring how design solutions can address the homelessness crisis.

## Fellowship Project ↓

- Conscious Shelter Design Guidelines

## Featured Speakers ↓

- Peter Adams, Tamara Benejan-Green, Theresa Cassano, Carol Corden, Robert Cowan, Khalil Cumberbatch, Keith Engel, Tim Fyatt, Hunter Gradie, Rosanne Haggerty, Doreen Howe, Sara Ingram, Kleo King, Zachary Korb, Andrew Knox, John Mangin, Jonathan Marvel, George Nashak, Jeff Nemetsky, Stacey Saunder, Susan Rodriguez, Frank Ruchala, Catherine Trapani, Alek Twardowski and Jamel Woods



**15** Homeless shelters visited  
**85** Stakeholders engaged  
**10** Community-based organizations engaged

# Director's Circle

Our Director's Circle is a group of distinguished civic leaders and design champions who sustain our programming on the pivotal issues facing our cities.

# Luncheons ↓

Director's Circle supporters receive exclusive invitations to intimate monthly events with guests of honor that include prominent architects, scholars, decision-makers and developers.

## Featured Projects ↓

- Fair Housing: Where We Live NYC
- Magnetic City: A Walking Companion to New York
- The Rise of WeWork: New Creative Industries
- Neighborhood Activation: Design for Public Safety

## Featured Speakers ↓

- Fred Clarke, Jeanne Gang, Justin Davidson, Paul Paradis, David Partridge, Maria Torres-Springer, Nic Rader, Marc Vlessing, Andrew Wilson, and Xin Zhang



**9** Director's Circle programs  
**217** Civic leaders engaged



# Our Community

In 2018, we were delighted to welcome six new members to the Board of Directors, 2 new Director's Circle members, eleven new company members, and 110 new Fellows.

# New Leaders ↓

We are pleased to announce the addition of six new members to our board of directors, two new members to our Director's Circle, and eleven new company members.

## New Board Members ↓

- Vincent Chang
- Patrice Derrington
- Margaret Newman
- AJ Pires
- Nader Tehrani
- Weston Walker

## New Director's Circle Members ↓

- Alan Suna
- Elise Wagner

## New Company Members ↓

- Alloy Development
- The Brodsky Organization
- Dattner Architects
- Gensler
- HOK
- HR&A Advisors
- FXCollaborative
- PBDW Architects
- Perkins Eastman
- Robert A.M. Stern Architects
- WSP

# New Fellows ↓

In 2018, we added 110 new Fellows. Our Fellows are architects, planners, developers, activists, public officials, and journalists committed to building dynamic, equitable, and resilient cities.

Fiona Akins  
María Belén Ayarra  
Rebecca Bailin  
James Barnes  
Shawn Basler  
Paul Bauer  
Hilary Bertsch  
Dario Brito  
Seth Brown  
David Brown  
Dario Calmese  
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Brittany Hodges  
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Andrea Jandricek  
Fah Kanjanavanit  
Sarah Kaufman  
Salmaan Khan  
Jenny Kim

Paula Kirby  
Julia Kite  
Brandt Knapp  
Constantine Kontokosta  
Steven Koppel  
Kevin Kraft  
Andrea Kretchmer  
Noemie Lafaurie-Debany  
Nick Leahy  
Karen Listowsky  
Serena Losonczy  
Brian Loughlin  
Yuxiang Luo  
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Ariella Maron

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Tricia Martin  
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Alan Washington  
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Evan Wiskup

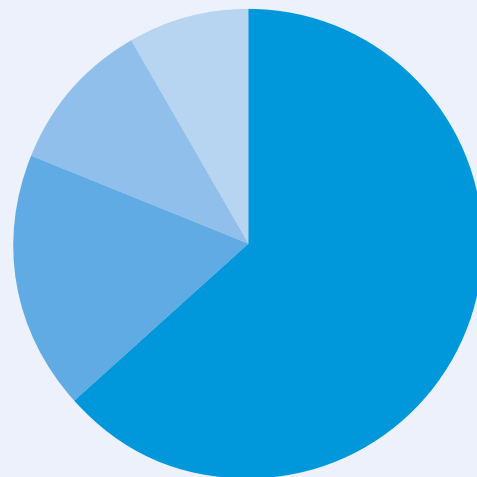
Beth Wolfowitz  
Jean You  
Brad Zuger

# 2018 Revenue ↓

Our financial performance for Fiscal Year 2018 (Jan. 1 - Dec 31) included revenue of \$381,476.\*  
The Forum operates without an endowment and raises its annual budget each year.

Preliminary 2018 Revenue: \$381,476\*

- Major Gifts: \$242,298
- Membership Dues: \$ 67,943
- Grants: \$40,000
- Earned Revenues: \$31,235



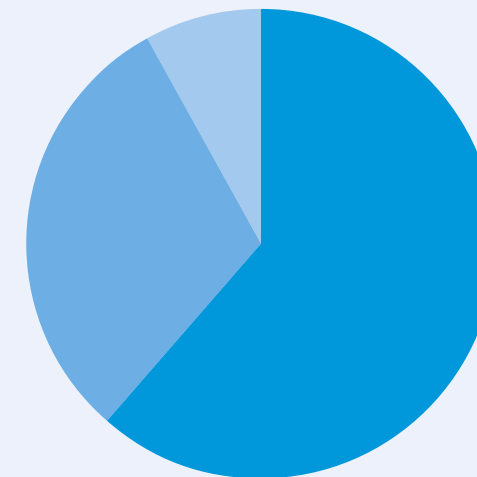
\*Preliminary and unaudited.

# 2018 Expenses ↓

Our financial performance for Fiscal Year 2018 (Jan. 1 - Dec 31) included expenses of \$372,147.\*

Preliminary 2018 Expenses: \$372,149\*

- Programs: \$228,535
- General Operations: \$114,418
- Fundraising: \$29,196



\*Preliminary and unaudited.

# Annual Contributions

The Urban Design Forum is grateful for the generous contributions made by the following individuals and organizations. The list represents gifts made in our Fiscal Year 2018.



## \$10,000+

Daniel Rose  
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## \$5,000+

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