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ADITI NAIR

BIO

Urban Designer with keen interest in community led practices. Applies research capabilities and design tools to co-create people based solutions, embedded in social justice, inclusion, diversity and an equitable future. Interested in establishing sustainable community based systems to address public policy. Seeking opportunities in community based practices in addressing housing, mobility, public space and energy efficiency at grassroot level.

SKILLS

Mapping

Arcgis, Qgis, GIS, Carto, SQL, Mapbox

3D Modelling

AutoCAD Suite, Sketchup, Vray, REVIT, RHINO

Data Visualisation

Adobe CC, Rawgraphs, Basic HTML, Online, Content Management, Mailchimp, Hootsuite, Wordpress

Research Methods

Statistical R, Advanced Excel, Proforma and Budget Analysis, Public Policy Analysis, Anthropology and Design

AWARDS

India China Institute 2020 Fellow, Venture Lab Fellow, University Scholarship, Provost Scholarship, Parsons Graduate Travel Research Grant, Student Research Award 2020

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Design and Urban Ecologies

Parsons School of Design, The New School University.

Graduate, May 2020

Bachelor of Architecture

Academy of Architecture, University of Mumbai

2014

Mumbai, India

WORK EXPERIENCE

School of Public Engagement, Milano

New York

Research Assistant

September 2018 - Present

- Supported web content management and events for 400 years of Inequality project
- Held workshops entailing meditation, poetry recital and reflection as an 400 years of Inequality
- Presented at the EDRA conference on designing for the 400 years of Inequality project

Association for Neighbourhood and Housing Development

New York

Researcher

Summer 2019

- Executed four displacement alert watchlists for the Displacement Alert Program by ANHD. The watchlist helps tenant organisers in supporting vulnerable residents pre displacement.

Micro Housing Solution City Lab

Delhi, India

Research Assistant

Jan 2018-March 2018

- Assisted the J-PAL MIT team to survey housing conditions in low income urban settlements in Ahmedabad, India; Conducted training of surveyors to identify construction practices in informal settlements

Mumbai Environment Social Network

Mumbai, India

Project Manager

March 2017- June 2018

- Published a paper on affordable housing in Mumbai
- Executed a community-led public space redesign in a Slum Resettlement project, supported by UN-Habitat.
- Led a team of 5 for GIS mapping infrastructure in 2 informal settlements, published comprehensive report on condition analysis of urban infrastructure.

NIVASA

Bangalore, India

Project Architect

Jan 2015- March 2017

- Led 3 rural housing projects including design research, stakeholder analysis, material research, cost benefit analysis, community group discussions and project implementation.
- Conducted rapid 1:1 prototyping of temporary housing unit for the homeless, material analysis, tested user evaluation over one year period.
- Led research study on sustainable rural housing models in 30 villages across Deccan region, through ethnographic surveys, lifestyle evaluation, environment analysis, construction material analysis; Proposed design solutions under the central housing policy for tribal development fund.