

DESIGN FOR JUSTICE

Justice is the just treatment of all members of society with regard to a specified public issue, including equitable distribution of resources and participation in decision-making (usually used in combination)



Design Justice Network
Principles, a living
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[https://designjustice.org/
read-the-principles](https://designjustice.org/read-the-principles)

1 We use design to **sustain, heal, and empower** our communities, as well as to seek liberation from exploitative and oppressive systems.

2 We **center the voices of those who are directly impacted** by the outcomes of the design process.

3 We **prioritize design's impact on the community** over the intentions of the designer.

4 We view **change as emergent from an accountable, accessible, and collaborative process** rather than as a point at the end of a process.

5 We see the role of the **designer as a facilitator rather than an expert.**

6 We believe that **everyone is an expert based on that person's own lived experience** and that we all have unique and brilliant contributions to bring to a design process.

7 We **share design knowledge and tools** with our communities.

8 We work toward **sustainable, community-led, and controlled** outcomes.

9 We work toward **non-exploitative solutions** that reconnect us to the Earth and to each other.

10 Before seeking new design solutions, **we look for what is already working** at the community level. We honor and uplift tradition, indigenous, and local knowledge and practices.

DESIGN FOR JUSTICE EXAMPLE

Park for Floral Farms Dallas, TX

After years of fighting to remove [Shingle Mountain](#), a toxic waste site within a dense and vibrant southern Dallas residential neighborhood, Floral Farms neighbors felt unheard. A robust and iterative bilingual engagement process allowed the project to grow from the values, culture and needs of the community. Residents became design partners, as the [pro bono design team](#) worked *with* instead of determining *for* the community the design strategies and amenities to include. The [design](#) was recognized with the Greater Dallas Planning Council's "[Dream](#)" Award.



Resources

City of Dallas Climate Action Plan <https://www.dallasclimateaction.com/>
Design Justice Network <https://designjustice.org/read-the-principles>
Bryan Lee, Jr <https://colloqate.org/>
EcoDistricts <https://ecodistricts.org/>
21CD Development Matrix <https://www.21stcenturydevelopment.org/development-matrix>
EPA Environmental Justice Screening & Mapping Tool <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

EPA Smart Growth & Equitable Development <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-and-equitable-development>

Park for Floral Farms website: <https://parkforfloralfarms.com/>

American Institute of Architects resources:
[AIA Guides for Equitable Practice](#)
[AIA Framework for Design Excellence](#)
[Race and Equity at AIA](#)

Connecting sustainable design and community leadership.



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