

## **ABOUT DANISH ARCHITECTURE CENTER**

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Denmark is an architecture nation. From the country's open landscape to its many villages, provincial towns and cities. From the small urban spaces to buildings and interiors. Denmark is a thoroughly designed nation, and design is an integral part of the Danish national identity. Perhaps this is why the fields of Danish architecture and design are so widely recognised across the world. So are Danish architecture, design and engineering firms, as well as component and manufacturing companies. As Denmark's meeting place for architecture, design and urban culture, DAC is deeply rooted in this heritage and culture.

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#### **Why Danish Architecture Center?**

The next 10 years will be critical for how the world's cities develop. By 2050, two thirds of the world's population, approximately 7 billion people, will live in cities. This massive global urbanisation presents a major challenge to the way we will design, build and approach urban environments in the future. The city is the primary setting for human life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and the local development plans for the cities of the future are being created now. Today, we decide whether the cities of the future will be for the people who inhabit them – with space for everyday life, communities, and well-being – or not. We decide whether they will be sustainable, supporting biodiversity, urban nature and consist of climate-proof buildings. The thoughts that are drawn up in these years will become the reality of tomorrow, and the debates and knowledge sharing activities taking place now will impact these decisions. DAC therefore seeks

to promote engagement, knowledge sharing and experiences that bring together people and disciplines to shed light on the challenges of the future, so we can work together to find solutions for our cities.

### **What does Danish Architecture Center do?**

At DAC, we believe that good architecture can be part of the solution to the world's urban challenges, and we believe that the best solutions grow when different perspectives and ideas meet. When there is room for dialogue, debate and reflection. For tourists, CEOs, architects, city dwellers and children. When we display the important role the urban landscape plays in our daily lives. When art meets function. When people meet structures. When ideologies meet individuals. This is where meaningful experiences are created. For instance at our exhibitions, talks and workshops. When we teach municipalities, schools and foreign delegations. When our guests experience the impact of a cycling path, a bridge or a harbour bath. This is where knowledge and experiences meet to create engagement, and inspire people to take a stand on the architecture and cities of our common future

### **Where is Danish Architecture Center located?**

You will find DAC in the heart of BLOX, a world-class building designed to be a city in itself. BLOX is centrally located in the architecture city of Copenhagen, close to the seat of the Danish parliament, Christiansborg, and Copenhagen's Cultural District, right on the waterfront of Copenhagen's inner harbour.

The address is: Danish Architecture Center, Bryghuspladsen 10, DK-1473 Copenhagen K

### **Exhibitions**

As Denmark's only centre for architecture, we offer thought-provoking, knowledge-based experiences. We invite our visitors to explore the value of good architecture and design and how architecture can change cities for more sustainable, liveable, loveable places for the many. DAC seeks to empower our visitors and promote demand for better quality in their physical surroundings - wherever they may live.

### **Education**

DAC offers a comprehensive range of courses, family workshops and teaching material within architecture and urban development aimed at children, young people, adults and families. Ranging from training of schoolteachers to workshops for kids on Minecraft, virtual reality and building architectural models using physical materials.

### **Events**

DAC at BLOX will host a wide variety of events all year round. We offer something for everyone – from LEGO, Minecraft and virtual reality workshops to conferences with international thought leaders and debates on pressing topics. At all our events, guests are invited to be creative participants in shaping the architecture and urban development of the future. Ultimately, more people will take active part in shaping our sustainable future, which depends on the involvement of citizens and professionals alike.

### **Tours + travel**

DAC's permanent exhibition is the City of Copenhagen. A capital city renowned for its historical and contemporary architecture as well as open spaces full of life, culture and diversity. We call it the architecture city. And it is a constant source of inspiration for our tours for both tourists and

locals. We visit unique buildings, tour special urban districts by bike and find interesting walking routes where our guides talk about the historical development, buildings and the ideas on which they are founded.

DAC also hosts special inspirational trips to visit the most beautiful and exciting cities in the world.

### **For the professionals**

We host the biggest names in the Danish and international architecture and building industry, and create a platform for networking across sectors. At DAC, our guests can listen to talks by Danish and international experts on sustainable urban development and be inspired by cities all over the world when we share our professional expertise through case stories, interviews, talks and master classes. All this takes place at our events and through networking with young entrepreneurs, municipalities and businesses across the building sector.

### **More facts**

Opening hours: Daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.– 9 p.m.

Admission: DKK 110. Children are free.

### **Exhibitions in 2018:**

- Welcome Home: 7<sup>th</sup> May–23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018
- Olafur Eliasson: Multiple shadow house: May 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018
- Capture your City 3: Exhibition on the square in front of BLOX during the summer of 2018
- OVE – Arup and the Philosophy of Total Design: October 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Dreyer's Architecture Gallery: October–December 2018
- Utzon – Horizon: 9<sup>th</sup> November- March 2019