

pre:fab Report_001 to Te Kāhui Whaihanga

pre:fab is pleased to offer this update of activities to the records of Te Kāhui Whaihanga NZIA Board Meeting for September 2023.

The previous Board meeting - prior to the annual general meeting hosted in May - featured pre:fab as invited guests to advise on the future of the institute. We hope the board has continued to reflect on this conversation as we have. We have attached the post-meeting pamphlet for your records.

pre:fab noted a reference to our group at the AGM in the inaugural speech of President Elect Huia Reriti - “the youth are coming for us.” pre:fab would like to note that the majority of our members would not be categorised as ‘youth,’ however we appreciate the compliment. We are largely early to mid career professionals looking for community within the discipline among those who want to see architecture’s role in service to the public, to the more-than-human and to a future we can all belong to. With many of our team holding membership with the institute we also challenge the ‘us’ and ‘them’ attitude. We hope to be recognised as a part of the ‘us’ that constitutes the architecture profession. pre:fab members, and all members, workers, and learners of architecture are part of the architectural discipline, and should not be excluded by the purpose and activities of the institute. We hope that our presentation at the previous board meeting inspired deeper consideration of this and other things.



“We’re Coming For You...” TKW board members and pre:fab Team at Orams Marine Boatpark, 31.05.23

Since this meeting pre:fab have continued to work on a number of collective projects. We have had online and in-person meetings over pot luck lunches, cheese, tea and conversations about the future of architecture. We conceptualised a research proposal for the Gordon Wilson Fellowship and have subsequently been shortlisted. We are excited and encouraged by this, and appreciate the opportunity to contribute to such an important conversation.

To support the possibility of receiving grants such as this one, pre:fab will be registering as a charitable organisation. This will advance our mission to provide support and financial resources to emerging practitioners, and better build the collective momentum around these initiatives, that largely operate outside of commercial practice and opportunities.

We have hosted strategising meetings around our next conference which will be free and hosted in Tāmaki Makaurau on November 18th, inviting contributions to, and ideas about the “Darchive” - the current and historical dark matter of architecture practice that often remains unrevealed, and yet can have profound impact on our individual and collective imagination, actions, and understanding of the world. This will be a day of presentations, workshops and shared food, open to all. Per the offer of the institute following last year’s pre:fab conference, we would accept any support the institute would be willing to provide in the realisation of this event.

pre:fab will also be participating in the Architecture Lobby’s [Architecture Beyond Capitalism School 2023 - Future Belonging - Organising for Global Change](#), taking place online from the 16th to the 30th of September. This is in both an organising capacity and contributing several events, connecting to an international network of changemakers. pre:fab members have been seminal in the conceptualisation of this year’s ~~school~~ and the [ABC Hub](#) - an online repository of people, collectives, resources and ideas for liberatory practice and organising for change in architecture.

Our members have continued in their work across earth building research, embroidery, writing, the council, moving to Berlin, exploring Japan, attending conferences internationally, contributing to events and other architecture organisations, political campaigns, research, the design of buildings, and generally expanding the architecture field through passionate commitment to its many avenues of practice.

If any Te Kāhui Whaihanga board members would like to join our meetings or be a part of our collective action, please contact us at kiaora@pre-fab.xyz

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