



Smallx20

Twenty Years of Community Engaged Design in New Orleans

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- Illustrates and describes the design process and product of a recognised US community design center, providing a blueprint for design projects in support of community goals
- The book includes narratives from the Center's design and community partners, offering diverse perspectives from leaders in the design field and representatives from the New Orleans community
- For designers and architects, the text offers a critical reflection on community engaged design processes, lessons for designers on approaches to social practice, including how to contribute to positive change beyond the built environment and what to do when things go wrong
- This is the first book profiling Small Center's work and includes photographs and design drawings of built and speculative work across its twenty years

The Albert and Tina Small Center for Collaborative Design is the outreach arm of the Tulane School of Architecture. The Center works with nonprofit organisations and community-based groups to provide design services to communities who are consistently under-served by the design professions. The work focuses on equitable participation, meaningful outcomes, design excellence, and inclusion as critical parts of the design process. **Smallx20** tells the story of the Center's founding and illustrates the Center's approach to design in service to community needs. In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, and the ensuing federal levee failure flooded 80% of the city. While the groundwork for Small Center was established before the storm, the Center's early work served to support community needs during the city's recovery. **Smallx20** details how the Center's responsiveness to community voice continues to characterise its approach to public interest design and architectural education. The Center is consistently recognised as a national leader in community-based design, with a commitment to deep collaboration and design excellence.

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