

# Architects Without Borders seek volunteers for new project in Ukraine

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## Would you like to apply your professional skills to support people with intellectual disabilities in Ukraine? Then keep reading...

Architects Without Borders has initiated collaboration with the Danish development organization *A More Inclusive Society* ([AMIS](#)) and their Ukrainian partner organisation [Djerela](#). Together, we aim to upgrade one of Djerela's group homes in the city of Bohuslav, Ukraine.

Djerela's group homes offer 24/7 respite care for adults with intellectual disabilities during temporary stays, providing essential relief for families who are currently under immense pressure due to a lack of public services—conditions worsened by the ongoing war. Once operational, the group home in Bohuslav will accommodate up to five residents, excluding staff.

### The project

Djerela has acquired a new property in Bohuslav that requires a complete renovation. This includes:

- Interior design tailored to the needs of people with intellectual disabilities, with a focus on comfort, accessibility, and functional layout.
- Exterior work, including refurbishment of the building envelope and landscaping. The landscaping also includes the creation of an outdoor activity space.

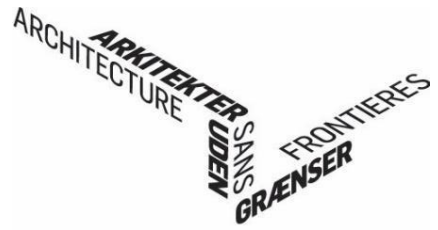
This initiative is both a renovation project for a specific property and a pilot project aimed at developing a universal design model for respite care group homes that can guide similar upgrading projects in Ukraine.

For this purpose, we are forming a new volunteer project team with a wide range of skills. Our task is to provide the conceptual designs which AMIS will then use to secure funding for implementation. If/when funding is secured and renovation made possible, we will serve as a quality control partner to help ensure that the project is completed according to the design.

### About you

You're ready to make a real difference by joining a fully volunteer-driven team at Architects Without Borders. You have experience in one or more of the following areas: interior renovation/design, landscape architecture, building envelopes, accessibility design, or working directly with people with intellectual disabilities.

You are a committed team-player and able to contribute an average of 5–10 hours per week, usually outside normal working hours. While not all volunteers will be required to travel, some team members will need to visit the project site in Ukraine to carry out assessments and interviews that will inform the conceptual design.



## About Architects Without Borders

We are an independent Danish humanitarian organisation founded in 2008, focused on how the built environment can support development for vulnerable groups and communities. We are run by a dedicated team of volunteers supported by a small secretariat, who support each other to keep our work going.

We are also a proud member of the umbrella organisation [Architecture Sans Frontières International](#).

As a volunteer, you'll gain insight into a unique part of the architectural and development field, with opportunities to take courses, build your network, and strengthen your skills.

This project is anchored in our Construction & Development program.

Read more about us on [aug.ngo](#), and send your application latest 1<sup>st</sup> of June to [kll@aug.ngo](mailto:kll@aug.ngo) including a resume.

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We are looking forward to hearing from you.