

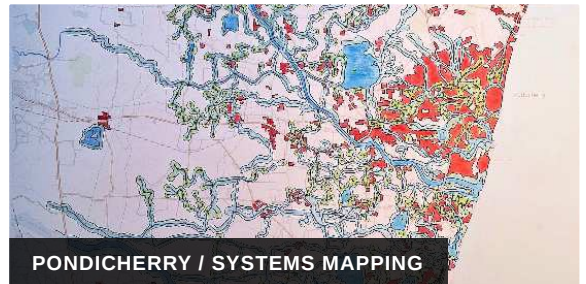
RCKWRKS

DESIGNING COURAGEOUS RESPONSES TO A CHANGING WORLD

RCKWRKS is an independent, not-for-profit urban design laboratory working between research, practice and civic action. We help communities, cities and regions turn climate transition into visible, testable, locally owned projects.



SALFORD / PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPE



PONDICHERRY / SYSTEMS MAPPING



PONDICHERRY / WATER + WASTE

OUR POSITION

RELATIONAL

Built with communities, civic leaders, universities and local partners — not delivered to them.

LANDSCAPE-FIRST

Cities are living systems of water, soil, food, energy, biodiversity, culture and care.

RADICAL + GROUNDED

Ambitious alternatives translated into practical pathways, pilots and investable next steps.

**WE MAKE DIFFICULT FUTURES
VISIBLE — AND POSSIBLE.**

R / D
RESEARCH
BY DESIGN

Selected experience: Regenerate Pondicherry / UPSURGE Belfast / M-NEX food-energy-water research / CityZEN carbon transition / The Biospheric Project / Sink or Swim / Rewilding Delights New York.

THREE WAYS TO PARTNER

Philanthropic support funds the critical early stage: reframing the challenge, building alliances, visualising alternatives and creating a demonstrator able to unlock larger public and private investment.

01

REGENERATIVE CITY + REGIONAL LABS

An 18-month design and engagement programme for a city, coast, landscape or region facing connected climate, ecological and social pressures.

Output Systems atlas / co-created vision / project portfolio / public prototype / implementation prospectus.



THE BIOSPHERIC PROJECT
PUBLIC BUILDING-INTEGRATED FOOD
SYSTEM

02

PRODUCTIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Retrofit food, energy, water, biodiversity and circular material systems into existing neighbourhoods, housing and civic spaces.

Output Spatial strategy / technical partnerships / demonstrator / route to delivery and replication.



UPSURGE BELFAST
LANDSCAPE PLAN

03

CLIMATE FUTURES + URBAN PROTOTYPES

Create compelling scenarios and physical or cultural prototypes that let people encounter alternative futures before major capital decisions are made.

Output Research by Design / public installation / tested scenario / investment and policy pathway.

40+

YEARS IN ARCHITECTURE +
URBANISM

3

RIBA COMPETITION WINS

EU / UK

FUNDED INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH

Global

PROJECTS + TEACHING
NETWORKS

INDICATIVE FOUNDING PARTNERSHIP

PHILANTHROPY AS CATALYST

A small group of founding patrons can give RCKWRKS the independence to take risks, work in places overlooked by conventional consultancy, and demonstrate ideas before capital funding exists.

£750,000 / 3 years

FOUNDING PROGRAMME PARTNER
Three linked international laboratories

£200,000–£300,000

CITY OR REGIONAL LAB
One 18-month place-based programme

£50,000–£100,000

SEED + DEMONSTRATOR
Early research, engagement and prototype