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Autodesk Letter v4

[Martyn Day](#), who was a key part of the 'Autodesk Letter' from 2020 has written an article for [AECmag](#) with his thoughts about a new letter.

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In 2020 several leading UK and international AEC firms wrote an open letter to Autodesk CEO, Andrew Anagnost, highlighting a range of deep concerns with Revit, Suites, costs, licensing & business practices. A new open letter from Nordic Architectural Associations says nothing has changed.

There has been a new Open Letter to Autodesk, this time from the Danish, Norwegian, Finnish and Icelandic Architectural Associations, which represent 14,000 architects.

Martyn Day

Read the full article: [Nordic architectural associations demand better value from Autodesk](#)

This letter is not the first (and maybe not the last) time Autodesk customers have asked themselves if they are getting value for money.

- [A 2020 letter from UK/international architects to Andrew Anagnost CEO of Autodesk](#)

- [A 2014 letter to Autodesk from Australian & New Zealand architects](#)

For more information [join the discussion on our forum](#).

OSArch OpenCollective update

As the popular phrase goes “this is a marathon, not a sprint”. So far the OSArch OC has a [projected budget](#) of at least \$3100 – even though it’s only been live since September 6. That’s pretty good. If you or someone you know could be interesting in giving some financial support, then let them know about us and what we’re doing. You also very welcome to keep sharing our social media posts: [boost our toot on fosstodon](#), [share our tweet on Twitter](#), [share our post on LinkedIn](#)

Do you have an interesting project?

We’ll soon be announcing our first official public call for submissions to have projects officially supported by OSArch. This will be announced on the [community forum](#), so keep an eye out for it. For now have a think about where you want to see OSArch and libre/OSS solutions for AEC moving in the future. Also check out our page on Open Collective about [the types of projects we want OSArch to support](#).

IFC.js crash course

Our good friend [Antonio González Viegas](#) from IFC.js is running a new crash course. Although enrollment has already closed, you might want to read about it so you can think if you’ll join next time. Here’s his post on the [OSArch community forum](#). If you want to casually stay in touch with this opensource OpenBIM toolkit for JavaScript you might like to follow the [IFC.js LinkedIn account](#).

Blender for Architects – Procedural Pavilion

Dimitar Pouchnikov of [uhstudio](#) (who owns this domain for us) is presenting a course together with futurly.com looking at [Blender for architects](#).

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In this course you will learn how to use Blender for architectural design. You will learn how to model quickly, effectively, and procedurally with modifiers and how to work with subdivision geometry and creases. Finally, you will learn how to apply materials and render with Blender Cycles!

If you don't know Dimitars work with Blender check out his [Instagram account](#) for his procedural geometry studies with the [tissue Blender Add-on](#).

(this is a reminder of an [earlier post](#))

Technical drawing creation with Blender and Inkscape (Workshop)

When you start working with Blender to create architectural models, one of the last things you imagine is that it is possible to output technical drawings instead of a traditional render. Did you know that you can produce technical drawings with Blender? This course is held by [Blender3D Architect](#) and OSArch supporter Alan Bristo.

(this is a reminder of an [earlier post](#))

Alan has offered a 20% discount with a special link – and one free spot on the workshop for an OSArch contributor. Get in touch if you want to go in that draw.

Related projects seeking to integrate with BlenderBIM are prj which you can [learn about on the forum](#) and maybe support our funding project “[Consolidating efforts: 2D documentation in Blender](#)”

Just for fun

<https://thishousedoesnotexist.org/> is a fun website with AI generated building design inspired by renowned architects.

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