

**Position: Architecture and Fabrication Associate**  
**Open to: Architects with 1-3 years experience**  
**Office Location: Downtown Los Angeles, CA**  
**Organization: Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI)**  
**Closing date: When Filled**

**About KDI:**

**KOUNKUEY DESIGN INITIATIVE (KDI)** is an award-winning non-profit design and community development organization that partners with underserved communities in the US, Africa, and Latin America to physically transform communities and in the process, improve environmental, economic, and social quality of life. The architects, urban planners, community organizers, and engineers that make up our team believe participatory design and long-term investment are key to sustainable development. Working collaboratively with communities, we help residents identify priority needs and create and implement design-based solutions that meet those needs. KDI is headquartered in Los Angeles and has a thriving office in Nairobi, Kenya. For more information about the organization, please visit [www.kounkuey.org](http://www.kounkuey.org).

**Position Summary:**

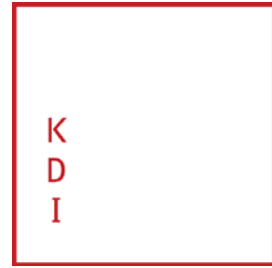
KDI is currently seeking an architect with 1-3 years experience for a full time exempt position in our Los Angeles office. The applicant should have a passion for community work and the design of site furnishings in the public sphere to support KDI's work in tactical urbanism and pop up spaces in enabling placemaking.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Design, prototype and fabricate public sphere site furnishings such as seating, shade structures, signage or play elements under the direction of a licensed landscape architect.
- Develop schematic architectural drawings and renderings for public buildings
- Develop a materials and construction technology library for research and prototyping
- Collaborate with artists, policy planners, community-based organization partners and other consultants on project development
- Occasional collaboration with KDI international on Productive Public Space Projects in Africa and the Latin America.

**Qualifications:**

- Degree in Architecture. Additional degree in related field such as product or industrial design, a plus.
- 1-3 years design experience working for a professional design office
- Experience in the design, prototyping and fabrication of site furnishings
- Proficient in AutoCAD, V-Ray, Rhino, Adobe CS and MS Office.
- Proficient in finish carpentry and basic tools of the trade



- Experience working with low-income or underserved communities, a plus
- Bilingual (Spanish-English) preferred.

Portfolio should highlight a range of project typologies and feature your design and fabrication experience. Send electronic copy of cover letter, résumé, portfolio and writing sample to:

**Compensation:**

The Designer and Fabrication Associate position is a Full Time Exempt position. Salary is based on qualifications and experience and ranges from \$50,000-60,000.

**Application Procedure:**

Interested parties should submit (1) a cover letter that includes relevant experience, achievements, salary history, and 3-5 professional references; (2) resume; (3) portfolio that demonstrates experience in a) fabrication at the human scale b) architectural design and renderings.

Please clearly state the size, budget and location of project, your role and the aspects where you had a significant role in project progress. Documentation should include design drawings, construction photos, and completed work with a focus on details (PDF preferred):

Please send electronic copies ONLY:

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**All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to their race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status or medical condition.**