

[Makers of Architecture](#) Programme 2025

Infrastructures of Care: Designing Dignity

A call for participation: Lucy's Pantry New Site Design + Build

PROGRAMME BRIEF

Overview

Infrastructures of Care: Designing Dignity is a 4-week live design-and-build programme hosted by *Bluuprint Communities*. Rooted in the principles of **care**, **dignity**, and **design justice**, the programme invites a cohort of emerging spatial practitioners to explore how care can be embedded into the built environment; beginning with a real, working community pantry.

Participants will collaborate with community members, local tradespeople, and mentors to co-design and co-build a space that champions **food sovereignty**, **social connection**, and **community resilience**.

This is a unique opportunity to design for real-world impact while gaining practical skills in **collaborative spatial practice**.

About the Project

The focus of this year's programme is **Lucy's Pantry**, a community-led food initiative in Walsall that is expanding into a new space to better serve its growing membership.

Participants will play a meaningful role in this transition by designing and building key features of the new pantry environment, including: Interior layouts and furnishings, custom fixtures and storage solutions, wayfinding and signage, storytelling and reflection spaces.

The goal is to create a space that does more than distribute food. It should **restore dignity**, **spark connection**, and foster a deeper sense of **belonging**.

By participating in this project, you'll help shape a pantry that nourishes not only the body, but the spirit of the community it serves.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Duration: 4 weeks

Start Date: Monday 27th May 2025

Location: Online + Walsall

Time Commitment: 2 (2hr - 3hr) sessions per week (with optional self-led tasks)

Places Available: 12

Eligibility: Open to recent graduates (last 3 years) and current students in architecture, interior design, spatial design, or a related field.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- 8 sessions (over 4 weeks) of virtual and hands-on, in-person activity in Walsall
 - Design development workshops
 - Participatory build sessions
 - Critical reflection sessions
 - Peer learning and portfolio development
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WHO CAN APPLY

We are seeking:

- Architectural designers, interior designers, and spatial thinkers.
- Individuals with an interest in spatial justice, care-led design, and community-centred practice
- Applicants who can commit to the full 4-week programme

No prior construction experience necessary, but curiosity and a collaborative mindset are essential.

KEY DATES

- **Deadline to Apply:** Friday 16th May 2025, 11:59 PM
 - **Programme Start Date:** Tuesday 27th May 2025
 - **Programme Ends:** Monday 23rd June 2025
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HOW TO APPLY

Complete the Expression of Interest Form [here](#) and submit the following through the form:

- A short expression of interest (max 300 words)
- A link to your portfolio or sample of your work (PDF or website)
- Confirmation of availability

For questions or accessibility needs, email us at info@blueprint.co.uk.

ABOUT THE HOSTS

[Blueprint Communities](#) is a community interest company based in the West Midlands. We believe in infrastructures that serve the dignity, creativity, and resilience of local people. Lucy's Pantry is one of our flagship initiatives offering healthy, affordable food while cultivating community resilience and sustainability.