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Biography

Hank Dittmar

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Hank Dittmar has been Chief Executive of The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment since January 2005. The Prince's Foundation is an educational charity established by the Prince of Wales to improve the quality of people's lives by teaching and practicing timeless and ecological ways of planning, designing, and building. He has led the development of The Foundation's Education Programme, its practical research in green building and sustainable urbanism and its project work, including programs with Oxford University, the University of Wales and Simon Fraser University, as well as launching traditional building crafts courses in the United Kingdom, New Orleans and Jamaica. He has been project director for The Foundation's urban extensions in East Ayrshire, Hampshire and Caithness, as well as regeneration and recovery work in Lincoln, Walthamstow, Kingston, Jamaica and Port-au-Prince, Haiti (with DPZ). Mr. Dittmar was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Congress for the New Urbanism from 2003 to 2009, and was a long time board member and Co-Chair of the Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago. Prior to assuming the post with The Prince's Foundation, Mr. Dittmar was President & CEO of Reconnecting America, a U.S. charity, formerly known as the Great American Station Foundation, and Executive Director of the Surface Transportation Pilot Project. Hank Dittmar was appointed by President Clinton to the White House Advisory Committee on Transportation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the President's Council on Sustainable Development's Metropolitan Working Group, which he served as Chair. His most recent book, *Transport and Neighbourhoods*, was published in 2008. *New Transit Town: Best Practices in Transit-Oriented Development*, edited with Gloria Ohland, was published in December 2003 by Island Press. He was also a contributing author to *Tradition and Sustainability*, published in 2010, and *Sustainable Planet: Strategies for the 21st Century*, in 2003. Mr. Dittmar is a Senior Research Associate at Oxford University's Department for Continuing Education, and was a Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin. Dittmar holds a Masters degree in Community and Regional Planning from the School of Architecture of the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Science from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He resides in London, England.