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Encouraging sustainable architecture and eco-friendly design, Treehugger.com delivers architectural solutions for a brighter future within a modern aesthetic. With 30 plus posts a day, daily newsletters, weekly video segments, a weekly radio show and a user-produced second site, this blog enables eco-warriors to fully immerse themselves in all things green.



www.inhabitat.com

Inhabitat.com was initially started by an architecture student as a means of cataloging emerging trends in product, interior and architectural design. Since those humble beginnings it has grown to become a prominent weblog devoted to the future of design, leading industry insiders towards a smarter, more sustainable future. With 500,000 readers a day – 40% of them working in the architecture, design and construction industry – the site delivers style, substance and a whole lot of soul.

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While reading just one of these blogs won't nourish your insatiable craving for architecture and design, catching up with a few of them one or twice a week will enable you to stay abreast of the industry, post by post thus coming together to create a comprehensive resource that is truly reflective of the industry. If you want to find out what the best stories are across all architecture blogs, then check out Dailyblueprint.com. Identifying the top 15 stories and blogs each day, the site searches the Net so that you don't have to, choosing its content based entirely on the buzz of the architecture community.



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> **EYE_CANDY**

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Producer, author, creative director> Eric Morehouse

Full-time occupation> Architect

Location> Kansas, USA

Started> 2005

Do you work on your blog full-time or do you hold another position?

I'm a full time architect. Web surfing is just a release from reality now and then (perhaps my version of smoking)... The majority is done at lunch time at the office.

What do you consider yourself? A writer? An architect? A critic?

An architect who's addicted to good design, learning from others examples and a habitual internet surfer. "It is our intention to raise the level of design by exposing ourselves to the examples set by others' (both good and bad). We sincerely hope you will think, reflect, learn and raise the bar (or at least bring some insight ... The thoughtful evolution of the design of our cities and built environment is dependant upon the engaged critical thinking of its design professionals."



> **ARCHIBLOG**

Be sure to check out Michael Earle's blog at archiblog.d-earle.com



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COOL SITES WITH A SAVING GRACE

BRINGING A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO THAT TIME-HONOURED PHRASE, 'CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME,' WHETHER YOU WANT TO SAVE THE EARTH, THE MYRIAD OF LIFE FORMS THAT INHABIT IT, OR WOULD LIKE TO DO YOUR BIT TO HELP ONE OF THE SEEMINGLY NEVER ENDING HUMANITARIAN CRISES AFFLICING THE GLOBE – THE NARGIS CYCLONE THAT'S RECENTLY DEVASTATED BURMA, A RASH OF TORNADOES ACROSS THE US, AND THE DEADLY EARTHQUAKE THAT HAS HIT SICHUAN IN SOUTHWEST CHINA – MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO ANY ONE OF THOUSANDS OF WORTHY CAUSES IS JUST A MOUSE CLICK AWAY.



1. WWW.THEHUNGERSITE.COM

Focusing on the eradication of world hunger, a simple daily click on this site's yellow 'Click Here To Give' button helps provide food to those in need, and won't cost you a single penny. Food is donated by the sponsors and distributed by Mercy Corps worldwide and by America's Second Harvest to food banks across the US. And if you really want to put your money where your mouth is, by shopping at their online store - specialising in fair-trade and handcrafted items from around the globe – you'll be lending them even more support.



2. WWW.ANTISLAVERY.ORG

With an estimated 27 million people still in bonded labour around the world, and 126 million children in work harmful to their health and welfare, this is the website of the world's oldest human rights organisation founded in 1839. Campaigning against shameful issues such as the forced labour and exploitation of domestic workers in the Philippines, slavery by descent, and people trafficking, it also highlights the importance of exercising consumer power when it comes to choosing chocolate, hand-knotted rugs, and high street fashion.



3. WWW.WARCHILD.ORG.UK

Focusing on the children who are most severely marginalised by the overlapping forces of conflict, poverty and social exclusion – those living and working on the streets, child soldiers and children in prison – War Child has been helping kids and young people affected by war for almost 15 years and currently has programmes in DR Congo, Iraq, Afghanistan and Uganda. There's an estimated 300,000 children in fighting forces around the world, and while many have, in some places, now been returned, thousands are unable to reconnect with their families and communities.



4. WWW.IDEALIST.ORG

A project conceived by Action Without Borders – whose mission statement is to connect people, organisations and resources in order to help build a world where all people can live free and dignified lives – Idealist is an innovative interactive site where you can exchange resources and ideas; find volunteer opportunities, events and supporters; locate or start an Idealist Group; sign up to receive daily alerts matching your interests; create a personal profile to network with other Idealists... and loads more.



5. WWW.FREETIBET.ORG

A platform for Tibetan people suffering under the Chinese occupation and denied the freedom to tell the world of the human rights abuses taking place there, British actress and comedienne Joanna Lumley is the megastar face behind Free Tibet's most recent campaigns. If this is an issue close to your heart, then in the run-up to this summer's high profile Olympic Games in Beijing, and China's aching desire to join the elite club of world superpowers, there's never been a better time to become a member, lend your voice or donate online.