

# ANKA DÜR



**Architect by profession, midwife by vocation. Since 2014 Anka Dür is intensively involved in the research of birth and space. There is a lack of architectural examples of contemporary birthing rooms worldwide. Anka Dür's main drive is to find answers for a new typology.**

- Born in Bludenz (AT), 1988**
- 2007–2016** Architecture studies at ETH Zurich (CH), TU Berlin (D), University of Innsbruck (AT)
- 2016** Publication of the diploma thesis in architecture: Design of a contemporary birthing center with birthing rooms made of rammed earth
- 2010–2019** Work in several architecture offices
- 2016** Founding of the Austrian association Birth Culture a–z
- 2020** Co-curator of the exhibition «Birth Culture. Giving birth and being born» in the Women's Museum Hittisau (AT)
- 2020** Construction of the «Room for birth and senses» (AT) — prototype for a new birthing room made of clay, in a team with Anna Heringer, Martin Rauch, Sabrina Summer
- 2021** Book publication «Birth Culture»
- 2021** Lecturer at the Vienna University of Technology, Department of Architecture, Design Class: Accompanying students in the design of birth centers
- 2018–2022** Midwifery studies at ZHAW Winterthur (CH)
- 2023** Protagonist in the documentary «In Your Hands» by Sophie Dettmar (D)
- since 2022** International research project with the Global Birth Environment Design Network
- since 2023** Core member of «Birth 3000». Realization of a Swiss pilot project for a new model of free-standing, salutogenic, sustainable birthing pavilions
- since 2024** Free practicing homebirth midwife in Vorarlberg (AT)
- since 2024** Founding of the architecture firm Anka Dür GmbH (CH)

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