

ANKA DÜR



Architect by profession, midwife by vocation, and researcher by passion. Since 2014 Anka Dür has been engaged in exploring the relationship between birth and space. Central to her work is the development of architectural responses to childbirth, with the aim of articulating and shaping a typology that remains largely undefined in current practice.

- 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** Founder 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)
- 2023–2024** Core member of «Birth 3000». Planning of a Swiss pilot project for a new model of free-standing, salutogenic, sustainable birthing pavilions
- since 2022** International research project with the Global Birth Environment Design Network
- since 2024** Free practicing homebirth midwife in Vorarlberg (AT)
- since 2024** Founding of the architecture firm Anka Dür GmbH (CH)
- 2025** Founding of the International Society for Salutogenic Birth Spaces and Practice-Based Research in Architecture & Midwifery «Space for Birth»

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