

Nethra Ganesan

About

Nethra is a recent graduate of the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London. Having hopped from city to city throughout her life, her interests lie in exploring the socio-cultural contexts that inform built environments. She is particularly interested in post-colonialism and studying the evolution and complexities of cultural identities. She likes to explore the vernacular heritage of different cultures and how that can be redefined, or recontextualised for today. Her studio projects have been sited in the tropical countries of Guatemala and Indonesia, which have proved to be fertile land for research and design in the aforementioned topics. She is currently working in Dubai before returning to the AA to continue her studies.

Jury Statement

This proposal is for the people who live in nonurban areas. Thus, I would like to see diverse communities from all over the world, and especially from the global south, to come under the spotlight and be engaged with on a spatial, technical and/or policy level. My expectation from this Call for Nonurban Ideas is to get young professionals who can make a difference to think about the nonurban or the rural in a way that celebrates their identity. What can we do to empower these people and places to be autonomous and self-sufficient?