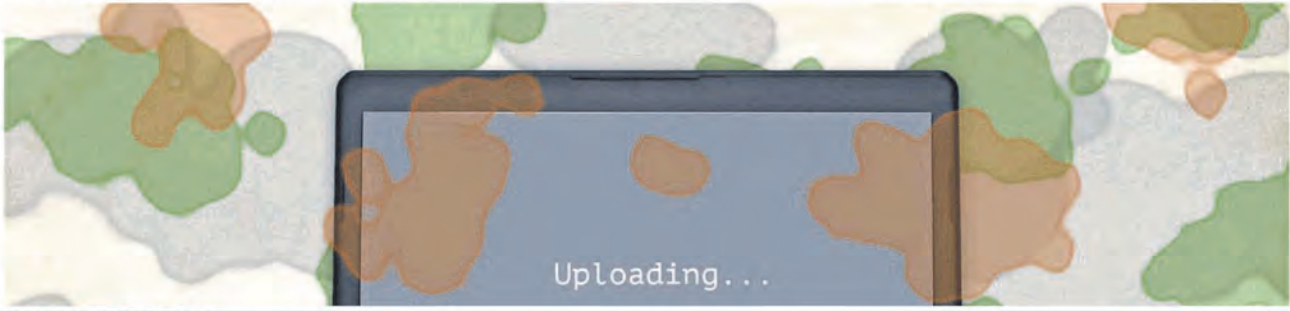


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# Globe Arts



Fresh off winning this year's Professional Prix de Rome in Architecture, Heather Dubbeldam and her firm are set to explore why Canada is 'behind the times' when it comes to sustainable design



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**S**tick a solar panel on it. Too often that's the result when Canadian builders strive for "green" buildings: ordinary architecture with some tweaks.

But what if architects applied all their smarts to creating truly sustainable buildings, that respond intelligently to their climate and

site? And what if that challenge spurred new, beautiful, liveable architecture in our cities?

That's the dream that Heather Dubbeldam is chasing with her research project, *The Next Green*, and we should all be following. Her firm, Dubbeldam Architecture + Design, has been awarded the Canada Council for the Arts's 2016 Professional Prix de Rome in Architecture, and will be using the \$50,000 prize to study innovation in "sustainable housing" from Scandinavia to Germany. "In Canada, there's a bit of interest in sustainable architecture and building – but it seems to be in small pockets, not widespread amongst the public or developers," Dubbeldam argues. "We're really behind the times here."

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The ZEB Pilot House is understood to be the most ambitious sustainable project built in the world to date. BRUCE DAMONTE

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