

Karin Liljegren, FAIA, has dedicated her career to community building, sustainability, and advocacy by embracing adaptive reuse as a powerful means to revitalize our cities. For over 24 years, Karin has focused on adaptive reuse projects and advocates for policy reform to make the repurposing of older buildings more financially viable and cornerstones of their communities.

Karin founded the architecture and interior design firm Omgivning in 2009. Today, she and her staff have touched over 700 buildings, drawing on a rich existing landscape to create programmatically and technically complex hotels, multifamily housing, restaurants, bars, creative offices, and theaters, often with custom furniture to match.

Karin is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and active with the AIA Los Angeles Chapter. Through Urban Land Institute, she serves on the National Redevelopment and Reuse Council and the Local Innovation and Housing Councils. Karin also sits on the board of the Los Angeles Conservancy and chairs the Advocacy Committee and is involved with advocacy organizations such as the Central City Association as an adaptive reuse leader.