

William McDonough

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Education:

M.A., Architecture, Yale

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William McDonough is a world-renowned architect, designer and winner of three U.S. presidential awards: the Presidential Award for Sustainable Development (1996), the National Design Award (2004), and the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award (2003). Mr. McDonough has been a leader in the sustainable development movement since the beginning. He designed and built the first solar-heated house in Ireland in 1977 while still a student at Yale University. He designed the first “green office” in the U.S. for the Environmental Defense Fund in 1985. Mr. McDonough was commissioned by the City of Hannover in 1991 to write *The Hannover Principles: Design for Sustainability*, the official design guidelines for the 2000 World’s Fair, which the city presented at the 1992 U.N. Earth Summit in Brazil. He also co-authored with Dr. Michael Braungart, a German chemist, *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things*.



Mr. McDonough is the founder and principal of two design firms. The first, William McDonough + Partners, specializes in architecture and community design and has made numerous strides in the sustainability movement since 1981 designing homes, offices, corporate campuses, academic buildings, communities and cities. McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry (MBDC) employs a comprehensive cradle to cradle design protocol to chemical benchmarking, supply-chain integration, energy and materials assessment, clean production qualification, and sustainability issue management and optimization. Mr. McDonough and his firms have received numerous national and international awards for their architectural, environmental, industrial and design work.

A recognized leader in sustainable design and development, Mr. McDonough writes and speaks extensively about his design philosophy and practice. His vision of hopeful, positive and inspiring possibilities—an environmentally and economically intelligent future by design—has made him a highly sought-after speaker for a wide range of audiences, both nationally and internationally.