

Jason F. McLennan

Considered one of the most influential individuals in the green building movement today, McLennan's work has made a strong impact on the shape and direction of green building in the United States and Canada and he is a much sought after presenter and consultant on a wide-variety of green building and sustainability topics.

Jason McLennan serves as the CEO of the Cascadia Green Building Council, the Pacific Northwest's leading organization in the field of green building and sustainable development. Cascadia is a chapter of both the US Green Building Council and the Canadian Green Building Council. He is the author of the Living Building Challenge an international green building program and co-creator of Pharos, the most advanced building material rating system in North America.

Jason is known as an international thought leader in the green architecture movement and has lectured on sustainability across the US and Canada. His work in the sustainable design field has been published or reviewed in dozens of journals, magazines conference proceedings and books including Architecture, Architectural Record, Dwell, Plenty, Metropolis, NY Times, The Globe and Mail, The World and I, Ecostructure and Environmental Design and Construction Magazine. He is the author of four books; The Philosophy of Sustainable Design, The Dumb Architect's Guide to Glazing Selection, the Ecological Engineer and Zugenruhe. The Philosophy of Sustainable Design is currently used as a textbook in over 60 universities and colleges and is distributed widely throughout Europe and North America.

He is a former Principal at BNIM Architects, one of the founders of the green design movement in the United States, where he worked on many of the leading high performance projects in the country including LEED Platinum, Gold and zero energy projects. At BNIM he created the building science team known as Elements, which set new standards for energy and resource efficiency on many of its projects in various building types. Jason is also the founder and CEO of Ecotone Publishing, the only dedicated green building publisher in North America. Jason was recently named one of the top 40 under 40 most influential individuals in the design and construction field by Building Design and Construction magazine.

Jason was born and raised in Ontario, Canada, was educated in Oregon, Kansas and Glasgow, Scotland and now resides on Bainbridge Island, Washington with his wife Tracy, three sons Julian, Declan and Aidan, and their daughter Rowan.