The 2023 competition theme, "Uncomfortable," asked entrants to examine their discomforts as young designers. The theme encouraged numerous uncomfortable responsibilities, including dismantling architectural legacies, challenging traditional paradigms, grappling with the costs of comfort, responding to ecological concerns. Our many discomforts range in scale, context, and urgency. From climate change to labor practices, the sources of our discomfort demand both critical reflection and collective imagination.

Are you restless within the discipline's status quo? How do you respond to discomfort? Whose comfort matters?

The online exhibition launching June 13 on archleague.org features original work by the League Prize winners, who have created installations either onsite in their respective locations or in entirely digital formats.

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