

Ir. Michael de Beer

Urban Designer and Architect

Urban designer and architect with approximately 9.5 years of experience in urban design, architecture and spatial strategy. I have worked on a wide range of complex projects, from masterplans and area developments to regional explorations and design research. My work often operates at the intersection of space, infrastructure, climate, landscape, governance and social change.

I am strong in understanding complex challenges and translating them into clear, recognisable spatial ideas. In doing so, I combine a strong analytical perspective with an innovative and careful design approach. I work professionally in both Dutch and English, and aim to develop spatial solutions that are not only functional, but also contribute to public value and meaningful transitions.

Experience selected

KuiperCompagnons, Rotterdam
Urban Designer / Architect
2020–present

Working on masterplans, area developments, urban transformations, regional explorations and design research. My role combines substantive design work with spatial analysis, scenario development, project coordination, client contact and the production of maps, diagrams, reports, books and presentations.

In addition, I contribute to acquisition, research and knowledge development around sustainability, innovation and spatial transitions. I am also a member of the works council.

West 8, Rotterdam
Designer 2018–2020

Part of international design teams for large-scale urban and landscape projects. Contributed to leading and award-winning projects in the Netherlands, including De Nieuwe Kern, Oudewater and Strijp-S Phase 4.

GAPP Architects and Urban Designers, South Africa
Urban Designer 2015–2016

Worked on spatial development frameworks, area visions, masterplans and urban design guidelines for public clients.

Expertise & tools

Integrated area development · masterplanning · regional strategy · complex urban transformations · climate adaptation · energy transition · mobility & infrastructure · landscape-based urban design · design research · scenario development · AI-supported visualisation and research

QGIS · AutoCAD · Rhino · SketchUp · Revit · Autodesk Forma · Adobe InDesign / Illustrator / Photoshop / Premiere Pro · Lumion · Autoturn · workshops & conferences · reports · maps · diagrams · presentations - (fast software learner)

Onderscheidingen (selectie)

10 projects featured in BNSP-publicatie 25 jaar van stedenbouw · ARC20 Best Urban Design Project in the Netherlands, De Nieuwe Kern, 2020 · Cum Laude, MSc Architecture, TU Delft, 2018 · Kate Neal Kinley Fellowship, University of Illinois, 2016

Education

MSc Architecture (cum laude), TU Delft (2018)

Master of City Planning & Urban Design, University of Cape Town (2014)

Bachelor of Architectural Studies, University of Cape Town (2012)

Nederlands Keramiekopleiding Gouda (2026 - heden)

Portfolio includes selected projects with my role, contribution and output per project.