

Agata Mancini

Agata Mancini is an architect at McCallumSather in Hamilton, as well as being an active member in the Hamilton-Burlington Society of Architects and the Young Architects of Hamilton. Both groups are advocates for architecture in the area, and their members have organized many initiatives to spark a conversation about architecture among the general public, and to promote its importance as a cultural movement. This past summer, she was selected to co-host the first "My Local Architect" tour organized by the YAH in partnership with the HBSA, during which she and fellow architect John Mokrycke lead a group of 45 members of the public on an architectural limo tour of their favourite places in Hamilton.

Inherently, when speaking about architecture's effect on citizens, sustainability tends to play a role, and so these two goals have always been what drive Agata in her work as an architect. This ambition holds true whether the project is a small-scale interior renovation, a brand new community centre and worship space or a high school addition intended to help foster a new and unconventional approach to education.

In the future, she hopes to contribute to healthy city-building, designing environments that have a positive effect on their users, and helping people see the importance of design in our daily lives: from the utensils we hold in our hands, to the built environment that surround us.

Agata would be thrilled for the opportunity to participate in the process that allows architects to be a self-governing body and would be honoured to contribute her ideas for the future of the profession.