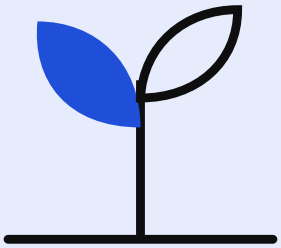
Specialty

Regenerative design

Aims for designs that not only do less harm but help restore and strengthen the social and natural systems of a place.



In Spanish
Diseño regenerativo

Origin
Lyle (1994); Wahl (2016)

What problem it addresses

Reducing harm is not enough when ecosystems and communities are already degraded.

Principles

Of the place
Each solution starts from the conditions of its territory.

Living systems
Design with nature, not against it.

Learn as you go
In complex systems, you move forward by testing and adjusting.

Applications in design

✓ Use it like this
Ask what improves in the place thanks to what you design.

✗ Avoid
Using “regenerative” as a label for something that only reduces impact.

Don’t fall for it
Work with the local community: knowledge of the place belongs to them.

Connections

Related to

- Circular design
- Systemic design

Authors and works

1994	**John Tillman Lyle**	Proposed regenerative systems that renew, through their own processes, the energy and materials they consume.
2016	**Daniel Christian Wahl**	Proposed designing regenerative cultures adapted to the conditions of each place.

Sources

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