

Ani is a geriatric social worker turned community & systems designer focused on how we move throughout and interact with our built environment. Ani believes that our homes, streets, transportation modes, and public space must be designed in a way that facilitates mobility, togetherness, belonging, dignity and safety for all. She has worked with a range of organizations from Allied Media Projects/Conference and Red Bull Arts Detroit to Ford Motor Company (Ford Smart Mobility), on initiatives centered around accessibility, aging, and often, mobility. In addition to removing barriers in our infrastructure, Ani is passionate about preserving places of joy in Detroit, and ensuring that long time, aging Detroiters can continue to access these spaces as the city develops and changes.

Ani is also the Vice Curator (2020-2021) for the Detroit Hub for the Global Shapers, a community of the World Economic Forum. The Detroit Hub works on a number of projects locally, nationally, and internationally related to increasing equity, fighting against climate change, and with personal goals to remove access barriers so that more Detroiters can participate in the organization.

Ani grew up moving around the world with her family, living in England, South Africa, Argentina, China and Spain. From these experiences, she recognized the power of diversity from a young age and learned how to act with cultural sensitivity and to bring people together across many layers of differences.