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# UIA Awards 2017

The UIA Launch the 'Friendly and Inclusive Spaces' Awards 2017



Dear UIA Secretariat, UIA Members, Members and Friends of the AfA Work Programme, and Jury Members,

We are delighted to advise that the second edition of the '**Friendly and Inclusive Spaces' Awards** has gone live for entry on the online platform:

<https://uiafriendlyspaces.awardsplatform.com/>

The Awards recognise and promote inclusive design – from buildings and public spaces to research – and are open to all architect members of UIA member sections. Entries can be submitted online, from 28 September until 20 December 2016. We would be very grateful for your assistance in publicising these awards in your region to your members and the media. We hope to significantly increase the number of entries this year to ensure a strong longlist and shortlist for the awards.

Please refer to the [Download Link](#) for the **Press Release** and **Promotional Tool Kit**. You will find here:

- **Banner for your Website, Facebook**
- **Email Signature** - please note that the logo on the left in the email signature (which is currently RIAI) can be modified by Architects' Institutes in each UIA Region to include their own logo
- **Animation of the UIA Friendly and Inclusive Spaces** (Gif) for Websites and Social Media
- **Images of the Previous Winner:** Malopolska\_Inigo Bujedo-Aguirre

short-listed projects from around the world and the category winners will be announced at the UIA World Congress in Seoul, South Korea, in September 2017.

### Eligibility and Entry

Eligible are built works designed by architect member(s) of UIA Member Section that have been completed since 30 November 2013. Works may include: new buildings and public spaces, and rehabilitation or adaptive reuse of existing or historic buildings and places. A special award will be given to an architect(s) for evidence-based design research that makes a significant contribution to improved quality of life through facilitating a better understanding of user-centred design and its application to the design of the built environment.

The 'Friendly and Inclusive Spaces' Awards are hosted on the online platform Awards Force, where projects can be entered on

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There is a fee of €50 for Stage 1 entries and a subsequent fee of €150 for Stage 2 to facilitate the printing of exhibition panels. Following short-listing by regional juries (Stage 1) an international Jury (Stage 2) will decide on the winning projects. The winner of each category will be announced at the UIA World Congress in Seoul in September 2017.

### The International Jury (Stage 2):

**Vassilis Sgoutas**, Greece, Past President UIA (Jury Chairman)

**Krzysztof Ingarden**, Poland, (Medal Winner Durban 2014)

**Krzysztof Chwalibog**, Poland, Co-Director UIA Architecture for All WP

**Fionnuala Rogerson**, Ireland, Co-Director UIA Architecture for All Work WP:

**Joseph Kwan**, Hong Kong, Co-ordinator, UIA Region IV Architecture for All WP

**Eduardo Elkouss**, Spain, Co-ordinator Region III UIA Architecture for All WP

Launching the Awards on behalf of the UIA, Irish architect **Fionnuala Rogerson**, Co-Director of the UIA's *Architecture for All* work programme, said: "We are delighted to launch the second edition of the 'Friendly and Inclusive Spaces' Awards. *The awards promote the idea that quality in architectural design is for everyone and that it is essential that well-designed buildings and spaces are suitable for all users regardless of their age, ability or cultural background. Friendly spaces benefit from good design that is sensitive to people's needs with clear circulation and orientation. Our driving vision is the creation of 'enabling' environments through good architecture.*"

RIAI President **Carole Pollard** added that the RIAI was delighted to support this prestigious international award and the important work of the UIA's *Architecture for All* work programme: "*The RIAI champions quality design and believes that a quality built environment benefits all our lives. The development of 'Friendly and Inclusive Spaces' should not be seen as an aspiration but understood as a principle for relevant and sustainable buildings and public spaces. Demographic projections show that the percentage of the world's population for people over 65 will increase from 8% in 2015 to 16% in 2050. This creates serious challenges for architects and policy makers and we believe that these Awards will contribute to the debates by highlighting best practice from around the world. We look forward to seeing many exciting and innovative entries for these awards from around the globe and from Irish architects.*"

### Further Information

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