



FRIENDLY  
AND INCLUSIVE  
SPACES AWARDS

## Winners of the 2017 Edition of the UIA Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards

**The UIA Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards were founded to encourage and acknowledge architects who have created exemplary friendly, inclusive and accessible buildings and public spaces.** Entries must demonstrate that they have met the highest standards of universal and inclusive design, where the realised designs contribute to the quality of life of all those who may use them.

Awards are given in four categories: New Buildings, Public Spaces, Existing & Historic Buildings and Research. Entries are assessed in two stages, first by an international jury located in each of the UIA's five regions and finally by an international jury including a past award winner.

In 2017 a total of 76 entries were received from 28 countries across five continents. The jury was impressed by the range of project types submitted and by the standard and quality of the shortlisted entries.

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### SELECTED AND AWARDED IN THE NEW BUILDINGS CATEGORY:



#### **MEDAL:**

**Entry No. 168 Coláiste Ailigh by McGarry Ní Éanaigh Architects, Ireland.**

Jury Comment:

A linear blue incision in a gently rolling landscape – the building sits comfortably as if it had always been there. The school's well-crafted detailing exudes openness and the fully accessible and harmonious circulation areas, social areas and classrooms contribute to attentive learning. The building is notable for its careful use of colour and daylight creating an environment which is uplifting \_and facilitates both orientation and navigation.