



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.

SELECTED IN THE RESEARCH CATEGORY

Honourable Mention:

Entry No 52 **Model for the Design and Evaluation of Accessible Spaces and Participatory Methodology with Users, for the Easy Understanding of Environments and Buildings** Author: Berta Brusilovsky Filer, Spain

Jury Comment:

The development of an understanding of the impact of the built environment on people with intellectual / cognitive disabilities and people with difficulties in spatial orientation is both challenging and important. There is scope for further development, beyond the use of good wayfinding and signage.