



## 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 EXISTING AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS CATEGORY:



#### **MEDAL:**

Entry No. 131 **Malahide Parish Centre** by Sean Harrington Architects, Ireland

Jury Comment:

*The Centre's facilities are welcoming and fully accessible both indoors and outdoors. The amenities provided cover the diverse needs of a wide cross-section of society – from babies to older people, embracing all faiths. The restrained well-composed design of the extensions is architecturally sensitive to the historic church, with material and colour choices conducive to the feeling of repose that permeates the facility.*