

## 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 NEW BUILDINGS CATEGORY:

## **Honourable Mention:**

Entry No.47 **Amanenomori Nursery School** by Aisaka Architects Atelier, Japan Jury Comment:

Despite sealing itself off from the outside world the Nursery School is characterised by an intelligent use of relatively restricted multi-level space revealing a richness of design elements. Set within a constricted urban environment, the need for outdoor play areas has been resolved through rooftop open spaces. Accessibility features are also evident.