



ARCHITECTURE FOR ALL

WORK PROGRAMME REPORT MAY 2020

PURPOSE AND CHARGE OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

- To encourage and promote equal access to the built environment, to remove barriers that create segregation, and to achieve sustainable buildings and places which are friendly, accessible and understandable for everyone
- To share knowledge of good practice and innovation in accessible and inclusive design
- To work towards UN Sustainable Goal 11 – Cities and Human Settlements that are inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRODUCTS

- 2020 Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards launched. 89 entries received from 35 countries across all five UIA regions. Regional juries have completed Stage 1 assessments. Final jury meeting postponed.
- Joint UIA RI International Design Competition for International Symbol of Access – organisation ongoing
- UIA Policy on Accessible and Inclusive Built Environments drafted. Guidelines published 2019 and translated into Spanish. Russian and Chinese translations in progress.
- A book “*Architecture of friendly spaces*” completed. For publication, Poland 2020
- Contribution to publication “*Innovating with People – Inclusive Design and Architecture*” Norway 2019
- Exhibition on *Inclusive Heritage* prepared for Baku 2019
- Event organised Dublin 2018 to promote “*A journey with the Architects of the World*”
- UIA liaison with International Standards Organisation. ISO 21542 revised & due for adoption 2020
- Participation in panel of experts at European CEN/CENELEC Open Workshop June 2019
- Workshop on Architecture and Urban Design organised at *Innovation for All* Conference Oslo 2018
- Study visits organised in Dublin, Lisbon, Luxembourg and Rome 2017, 2018, 2019 2020

VALUE AND SIGNIFICANCE

Architects have an important role to play in the creation of inclusive, safe and resilient built environments. Yet as a profession we continue to design buildings and spaces which exclude, often the most vulnerable in our society, including older people and people with disabilities. Inclusive design is fundamental to architectural quality. Universal access is a basic human right.



This work programme acts to achieve one of UIA's objectives of achieving a fairer and more equitable society through the global development, maintenance and improvement of accessible and inclusive built environments. It works with students, architects, member sections and the community at large. It addresses education, policy and practice. It promotes good practice through its awards and publications.

ENGAGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT

- Between 2017 and 2020 WP members have addressed conferences and seminars as keynote and guest speakers in Australia, Hong Kong, China, Macau, South Korea, Ethiopia, Dubai, Kuwait, Norway, Ireland, Belgium, Greece, Poland, Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Canada amongst others. Individual events have been attended by up to 2,000 people including students, architects, state, NGO and community sectors
- 18 architects have been nominated to the programme and more than 25 others are actively involved
- Members have actively worked to encourage non-member sections to engage with UIA, particularly in Latin America, also in the Netherlands, and previously with Germany and Italy

WORLD CONGRESS PLAN

- Exhibition of winners of *Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards*
- Oral Presentations with speakers on winning and shortlisted award entries.
- Seminar and round table *Responding to Natural Disasters and Emergencies: Inclusive Design Guidelines for both Architecture and Urban Planning* – which will also address responses to recent COVID pandemic
- Round table to discuss Good Practice in Universal Design with representatives of the City of Rio
- Working Meeting & Study Visit to local projects of interest and relevance