AWARDS 2021
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RECOGNISING DESIGN EXCELLENCE IN THE HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT
EXTENDED ENTRY DEADLINE: 26 MARCH 2021

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The European Healthcare Design Awards 2021 celebrate and recognise professional and research excellence in the design of healthcare environments both in Europe and around the world.

The European Healthcare Design (EHD) Awards 2021 aim to have a significant influence on the creation of healthcare environments that promote health and wellness, embed quality improvement, and support the delivery of treatment and care in an accessible, sustainable and equitable way.

Organised by Architects for Health and SALUS Global Knowledge Exchange, the awards are an integral feature of the 7th European Healthcare Design 2021 Congress and the COVID-19 Global Summit, contributing towards the development of knowledge and standards in the design of healthcare environments globally.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the healthcare design and planning community has demonstrated its capacity for innovation, through the rapid development of field hospitals, and conversions and adaptations to existing facilities to manage surge capacity. This year we encourage COVID-19-driven projects to be entered into the Design for Adaptation and Transformation category.

The pandemic also led to rapid innovation in medical technology and its application, from PPE to the use of digital technology. We also encourage innovations in medical equipment and technology to be entered into the Design Innovation for Quality Improvement category. Meanwhile, future hospital designs are rapidly being adapted to respond to the twin challenges of the climate change emergency and the impact of the pandemic, and are encouraged to enter into the Future Healthcare Design category.

Comprising ten categories across primary, community, secondary and tertiary levels of international healthcare provision and delivery, the awards are presented at an illustrious ceremony during the final session of the Congress, and streamed online for delegates to watch from around the world. Recipients of the awards will be multidisciplinary project teams that have demonstrated outstanding vision, leadership and knowledge in the design, development and implementation of projects that have positively transformed the delivery and experience of healthcare for the patients and community they serve. We look forward to receiving your submissions by 26 March for the EHD Awards 2021.
Who should enter?
The awards are open to international organisations and project teams in the public, private and academic sectors, participating in research, planning, procurement, design, construction and/or operation of healthcare facilities and environments.

Eligibility
Built projects or research programmes completed between 1 January 2020 and 1 June 2021 are eligible to enter. The exception is the Future Healthcare Design Award, which only allows submissions of projects currently in design development or under construction. Projects may be entered into multiple categories, provided they are tailored to meet the specific requirements for the judging criteria of each award, but may not be re-entered in the same category in subsequent years. The extended closing date for submissions is 26 March 2021.

Evaluation committee
The awards evaluation committee features international researchers, practitioners and policy advisors, who bring specialist multidisciplinary expertise to the specific categories they have been invited to judge. The shortlist and winner of each award are determined by a category chair, supported by two other judges with proven expertise in their field. This robust evaluation methodology ensures a balanced and transparent decision-making process. Any judge associated with any of the entries will withdraw from the relevant part of the adjudication process. The award recommendations of the category chairs are then approved by a second review committee.

Judging process and criteria
Evaluation Phase 1: The judges will evaluate the submissions consisting of the submission statement and a 10-slide Powerpoint or PDF presentation against a strict methodology and criteria. The judges carry out their evaluations remotely and independently prior to conferring to agree a shortlist.

Evaluation Phase 2: The shortlisted projects will be invited to present virtually to the judges and a live audience in a 15-minute talk followed by questions and answers.

The judges will then finalise their decision prior to the awards ceremony at the main European Healthcare Design 2021 Congress, 14-16 June, when the winners and high commendations will be announced and the awards presented. The specific judging criteria for each award category are available to download at www.europeanhealthcaredesign.eu prior to completing a formal online submission.

How to submit
To submit, visit www.europeanhealthcaredesign.eu and click on the Awards navigation in the top menu bar.

Step 1: Choose the award category or categories you are entering

Step 2: Complete the online entry form and the 1250-word submission statement relevant to the category you are entering

Step 3: Upload a maximum of 10 images of the project both as a 10-slide PPT/ PDF format and in high-resolution jpeg format, and, if available, a video link of the project from either YouTube or Vimeo.

Step 4: Complete payment to register your submission

Important notes: The submission statement and associated materials MUST explicitly address the criteria outlined on the submission statement forms. Please refer to the rules of entry for further information on payment and submission requirements.
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Full detailed submission criteria are available at www.europeanhealthcaredesign.eu

Healthcare Design (Over 25,000 sqm)
Lead judge: Kate Copeland, chair, Australian Health Design Council, Australia
An outstanding healthcare project in a secondary or tertiary care setting that demonstrates high levels of sustainability and urban integration, creates an effective clinical environment, promotes service improvement, and provides a supportive environment for staff, patients and their families.

Healthcare Design (Under 25,000 sqm)
Lead judge: Liesbeth Van Heel, senior policy advisor, Erasmus University Medical Centre, Netherlands
An outstanding healthcare project in a community or primary care setting that demonstrates high levels of sustainability and urban integration, transforming the quality of care services in an accessible location, and supporting the integrated needs of staff, patients and the community. Submissions may include but are not restricted to GP premises, primary care centres, urgent care centres, integrated health hubs, community hospitals and multi-use polyclinics.

Health and Life Sciences Research
Lead judge: David Powell, development director, Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, UK
An outstanding health and life sciences project that supports the alignment of training and education, clinical research, informatics, innovation and healthcare delivery, with a focus to improve patient and population health outcomes by translating research into practice to develop integrated health services.

Mental Health Design
Lead judge: Marte Lauvsnes, manager, advisory and planning department, Sykehusbygg HF, Norway
A mental health project that, through innovative design thinking, achieves a reconciliation between the needs of the patient/resident for a humanistic environment that supports ongoing therapy, care and recovery, and the requirement for appropriate levels of safety, security and supervision.

Design for Adaptation and Transformation
Lead judge: Visiting Professor Jim Chapman, Manchester School of Architecture, UK
An outstanding healthcare project that has had a transformational impact on resolving complex service design challenges, including projects developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Submissions may include but are not restricted to conversions, extensions, infills, refurbishments, exterior projects, and field hospitals.

Design for Health and Wellness
Lead judge: Alice Liang, architect, FRAIC Principal Emeritus, Montgomery Sisam Architects, Canada
An inspirational project that encompasses services outside of traditional healthcare settings and, through an alignment of the care philosophy with the design of the environment, helps promote positive behaviours towards healthy living and wellness. Submissions may include but are not restricted to outreach centres, home care, dementia care and continuing care settings.

Design Innovation for Quality
An innovation in medical or digital technology or product design that has had a transformational impact on the design of healthcare services and/or the patient environment, improving the quality, sustainability, accessibility and experience of care. Innovations developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged.

Future Healthcare Design
Lead judge: Cliff Harvey, director, Union of International Architects’ Public Health Group, Canada
A future healthcare project that can demonstrate the potential for outstanding outcomes in masterplanning, place making, wellness, pandemic preparedness and sustainable development, in alignment with the strategic requirements of the healthcare provider to transform their services within the wider community, regional or national health system. Submissions must be ‘real’ projects developed in design but not yet built to completion. Concept designs will not be considered.

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