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**Towns and Cities for All**

# INTRODUCTION

Currently, the majority of initiatives undertaken to improve accessibility are isolated and geographically dispersed. Despite their great practical importance, they are not well-known.

Municipal commitment towards accessibility and Design for All needs to be explained to citizens, while initiatives which are being undertaken within the region need to be publicised locally and internationally.

To this end, the **Design for All Foundation**\* offers government bodies, particularly local councils, recognition, visibility, dissemination, consultancy, support, contacts, news, targeted information, management and evaluation tools, as well as an innovative point of reference in the form of the “**Network Towns and Cities for All**”.

This network provides a meeting point for anyone wishing to share knowledge and experience to support stakeholders in local areas throughout the world who aspire to improve quality of life for everyone through accessibility, social and ecological sustainability – that is, Design for All/Universal Design.

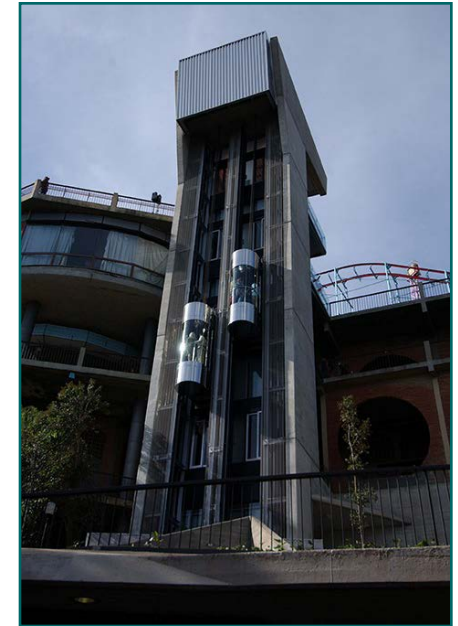
\* The [Design for All Foundation](http://www.designforall.org) is an international not-for-profit foundation whose main objectives are to develop, promote, research and disseminate Design for All/Universal Design among all sectors of society.

# AIMS



The aims of the “Network Towns and Cities for All” are as follows :

- **Promote the knowledge** in the fields of accessibility and Design for All and its sharing among Network members.
- **Disseminate The Best Practices.**
- **Promote communication, cooperation and exchange of local experiences** at all levels.
- **Increase the effectiveness of the actions** achieved with lower costs reach a greater impact for all citizens.
- **Promote the involvement of citizens** in the municipal actions.



# MEMBERS



The Network “**Towns and Cities for All**” brings together a:

- ✓ **Towns and Cities** wishing to attain the highest standards of excellence in accessibility and design for all.
- ✓ Autonomous **not-for-profit organisations** representing a wide diversity of **users**.
- ✓ **Experts and educational institutions.**
- ✓ **Museum and Cultural centres.**
- ✓ **Businesses** interested in contributing towards the evolution of cities and the quality of life of those spend time there.
- ✓ **Citizens.**



# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Becoming a member of the Design for All Foundation's networks offers the following benefits:

- Exchange of experiences and knowledge with all members of the Foundation.
- Periodic advice by video conference, and in some cases in person.
- Participate in training activities face to face and online.
- Ability to participate in research projects.
- Information and advice to access to supranational fundraising.
- Free participation in international study visits and/or hosting the study visits.
- Participate in national and international congresses and conferences in which the Foundation is involved.
- Support in finding information on the web.
- Provide free advice on design tools, management, dissemination and evaluation of policies for the development of Design for All/Universal Design and implementation of concrete actions.
- Participate as a member in our groups of Social Networks.

# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Dissemination of actions, projects and events through the Design for All Foundation Newsletter issued globally in English, Spanish, French and Catalan.
- Propose news items for inclusion in the Newsletter of the Foundation.
- Appear prominently in articles, documents, videos, photos, best practices and provide all documentation in our Multimedia Library.
- Discounted or free participation activities and services organised by the Foundation or members of the network.
- To be member of all international networks of Design for All Foundation (currently [Towns and Cities for All](#), [MuseumForAll.eu](#) and [User-Centred Business](#))
- Use the "ombudsman" service to make your improvement proposals and complaints to your city managers.
- Receive reports by the Foundation of the ombudsman regarding your town and steps taken.
- The opportunity to submit [Good Practices](#) for evaluation and to the [International Design for All Foundation Awards](#) for free.
- Request, in the case of a company or professional, your inclusion in the International Design for All / Universal Design Consultants Register.

# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

In addition, local authorities have:

- The opportunity to invite to be part for free of the international networks of Design for All Foundation to:
  - **Any companies owned** by the municipality.
  - **Any museums or cultural centres** under municipal ownership.
  - **Up to 4 local not-for-profit organisations.**
- Appear in the Online Geographic Information System (GIS) “Towns and Cities for All” (currently under construction) as a member linking to your own website.
- Disseminate initiatives and projects awarded as "Good Practice" through the on line GIS “Towns and Cities for All”.
- The opportunity to be awarded annually with the Flag of Towns and Cities for All.

# Acknowledgement of Excellence: FLAG OF TOWNS AND CITIES FOR ALL



Towns and cities which are members of the Network and which commit to achieving excellence in accessibility and design for all can apply annually for the **Flag of Towns and Cities for All**.

The **Flag of Towns and Cities for All** provides :

- **Visibility for efforts to raise the standard of its environments and services** by making them more and more suited to the diversity of its citizens.
- The award of a Flag before citizens and the local media, presented by an international, independent organisation, following external assessment.
- The chance to promote the municipality internationally.



# HOW TO OBTAIN THE FLAG

- Be a member of the Network.
- Collate information about accessibility and design for all initiatives and projects which:
  - Equal a minimum of 2% of the investment budget, although this can include funding derived from other budgets or public authorities.
  - Be supported within the community through a participative process or, at the least, by an association based in the municipality.
  - Represent a direct benefit for citizens, demonstrating tangible results.
- Apply for assessment of initiatives undertaken during the year to the Design for All Foundation.
- Submit projects and initiatives undertaken during the previous year to the Design for All Foundation for evaluation with the €3,000 fee to cover the assessment costs.
- Organise the award ceremony in the municipality.



# HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

The governments, businesses or professionals, not-for-profit organisations and individuals wishing to become member of the Design for All Foundation networks, should take the following steps:

1. Complete and return the appropriate **Application form**.
2. Pay the **Annual Fee**, which varies according to the type of organisation.

## Annual fee for Governments

- For the purposes of Network membership, public authorities are defined as divisions of government which exercise competence on a particular territory. Organisations and public bodies which offer specific services (universities, museums, hospitals, public tourism providers, etc.) will be charged according to the fee chart for businesses.

Number Inhabitants	National <u>HDI</u> (Human Development Index)		
	HIGH (1 - 0,9)	MEDIUM (0,89 - 0,75)	Low (0,74 - 0)
0-14.999	2.200 €	1.900 €	1.500 €
15.000 - 49.999	3.800 €	3.200 €	2.500 €
50.000 - 149.999	5.400 €	4.500 €	3.600 €
150.000 - 799.999	6.600 €	5.500 €	4.400 €
> 800.000	8.000 €	6.600 €	5.300 €

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## Annual fee for businesses and public bodies without territorial competences

Company Size	National <u>HDI</u> (Human Development Index)		
	HIGH (1 - 0,9)	MEDIUM (0,89 - 0,75)	Low (0,74 - 0)
Professional (1-2) and Individual	200 €	170 €	130 €
Micro (<10)	500 €	430 €	330 €
SME (< 250)	1.200 €	1.030 €	790 €
Large(> 250)	2.500 €	2.150 €	1.650 €

## Annual fee for not-for-profit organisations

Organisation Size	National <u>HDI</u> (Human Development Index)		
	HIGH (1 - 0,9)	MEDIUM (0,89 - 0,75)	Low (0,74 - 0)
Small (<10)	200 €	170 €	130 €
Medium(<50)	500 €	430 €	330 €
Large(< 1000)	1.000 €	860 €	660 €
Professional Association	1.500 €	1.300 €	990 €

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## Annual fee for individual

National <a href="#">HDI</a> (Human Development Index)			
	HIGH (1 - 0,9)	MEDIUM (0,89 - 0,75)	Low (0,74 - 0)
Individual	50 €	40 €	30 €

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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