

Human Cities Press Release

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Human Cities Challenging the City Scale/ Helsinki

Exhibition, workshop

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Human Cities_Challenging the City Scale / Helsinki 2017

Human Cities_Challenging the City Scale is a project that aims to improve the quality of public spaces by involving and activating cultural and civic participants. Lead by Cité du Design Saint-Étienne, 12 partners from cities around Europe form the platform for interdisciplinary exchanges. The project is co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union.

In September 2017 **Aalto University** welcomes its partners from eleven European cities to a unique international creative event “HUMAN CITIES_Challenging the city scale/ Helsinki 2017” featuring an exhibition and a collaborative workshop.

Human Cities events in Helsinki are a part of the official programme of Helsinki Design Week.



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The **Human Cities exhibition** consists of three sections, displaying three different scales of participatory design. User-based architecture and social innovation are at the core of each exhibition.

The main exhibition in Dipoli showcases the Human Cities projects throughout Europe made by the participating Human Cities network members. This continental scale displays versatile approaches towards contemporary collaborative design in European scale, where active urbanism shows its diverse characteristics. Aalto University contributes with the local School as a Service project in Otaniemi, aims to increase the possibilities of children to access and participate the city and improve their social learning.

The second section, also located in Dipoli, presents the findings of the Exit School of Architecture project, which showcases new Finnish architecture rising from a shared local identity. It analyses the role of collaboration in Nordic Noir architecture – an interplay between architects and their clients with an emphasis on shared values and cultural mentality. This approach aims long-term improvements in the understanding and creation of meaningful milieus with local identity. The exhibition contains a selection of recently completed works by Finnish architects and a diploma works by recent graduates of Aalto University.

The third section displays work from the Helsinki Masterclass – the studio course Diversifying forms of Living - which was organized in collaboration with the Department of Architecture at the University of Hong Kong. The exhibition is called Superimposed Verticality and it scrutinizes new housing typologies which would made possible user-based flexible design solutions: horizontality and verticality, internal and external, communicative and participatory design, optimized use and social sustainability. We deliberately selected a difficult case for participatory design here: tall housing building.

The official language of the events is English, the activities are free of charge. The organizer reserves the right to change the program without prior information.

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HUMAN CITIES EVENT PROGRAMME IN HELSINKI SEPTEMBER 2017

11 September, Monday (optional event)

15:00-17:00 Participation in the open discussion in the City of Helsinki: creative means to increase participation and dialogue.

Discussion in the Helsinki City Hall Design Lab focuses on different ways to use design and participation in engaging citizens and companies to the development of the city.

Location: Helsinki City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13, Helsinki.

12 September, Tuesday

Collaborative international workshop in Aalto University, organized by the Group X, Department of Architecture, aimed to develop the School as a Service concept in Otaniemi. The temporary, distributed model of seeing school spaces as a service, allows extended and intensified use of facilities. During the workshop, we will prototype school activities that could create and catalyze community discourse, togetherness and collaboration. The workshop will bring schoolchildren, teachers, residents, university faculty and Human Citizens together in creative sessions.

10:00-10:15 Welcome words by Vice President of Campus Development Antti Ahlava

10:15-11:15 Presentation of the School as a Service concept by Professor Jarmo Suominen

11:15-17:30 Workshop, including a guided tour about the development of the Otaniemi Campus and the School as a Service in Aalto University

18:00 Human Cities_Challenging the City Scale exhibition opening in Dipoli, Ground floor exhibition space.

The travelling Human Cities exhibition in 2016-2018 presents the process and results of co-creation activities in the experimental labs of all Human Cities partners. Together with its experimentation lab, the School as a Service project in Otaniemi, Aalto University contributes with the findings of the Exit School of Architecture project and the results of Helsinki Masterclass Superimposed Verticality.

Location: Dipoli building, Otakaari 24, 02150, Espoo.

13 September, Wednesday

10:30-13:30 Technical meeting, for Human Cities partners and invited parties only.

Location: Aalto University, School of Business, Runeberginkatu 14-16, 00100 Helsinki.

15:00-19:00 - "Design Diplomacy" meeting with designers in Swedish and Norwegian embassies (event of Helsinki Design Week).



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14 September, Thursday

12:00-14:00 Guided boat tour in Helsinki.

18:00-23:00 Participation in the **Summit of World Design Weeks Conference** in Clarion Hotel in Jätkäsaari. The event is the first event by a network that gathers design weeks and festivals globally together. The theme for the summit is urbanization.

Location: Tyynenmerenkatu 2, 00220, Helsinki.

15 September, Friday (optional event)

10:00-15:00 Attending workshops, organized by **Summit of World Design Weeks**.



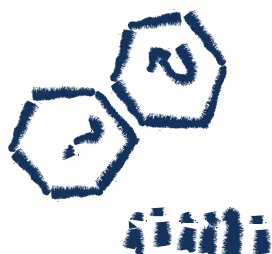
Welcome to Helsinki in September 2017 to co-create Human Cities!



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