Human Cities
Challenging the City Scale/ Helsinki

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-Etienne, 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”

HUMAN CITIES PROGRAMME IN HELSINKI 11-15 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 affairs 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. This showcases new Finnish architecture rising from a shared local identity. It analyses the role of collaboration in Nordic Noir architecture. The exhibition contains a selection of recently completed works by Finnish architects and a diploma works by recent graduates of Aalto University.

Location: Dipoli building, Otakaari 24, 02150, Espoo

13 September, Wednesday

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

The address: 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).

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)

Attending workshops, organized by Summit of World Design Weeks.

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

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