



## Call for participation - City Move Interdesign 2009 in Gellivare, Sweden

In the northern part of Sweden the mining industry continues to expand and, in certain areas, the ground is crumbling under entire cities. This poses enormous challenges to the survival of such communities and may force their residents to relocate - leaving behind their homes, workplaces, public spaces and local attractions. Is it possible to relocate whilst safeguarding and transferring parts of, or entire societies? How can this be done effectively? This is the challenge set for the City Move Interdesign. The project will look at socially responsible design methods to create new spaces for people.

### Key dates

Timeline to submit applications: April 21 - July 31 2008

City Move Interdesign workshop: March 22 - April 4 2009

For generations, people all over the world have had to relocate from their homes for a number of social and environmental issues. The effects of these displacements have often hugely impacted the development of these same societies over time. Even today, groups and entire communities are still being relocated due to the alarming effects of climate change, natural disasters, water regulations and political unrest.



### Local importance. Global relevance.

The City Move Interdesign presents a unique working environment for participants as it provides an inspiring and profound opportunity where creative solutions for a serious problem can be developed. Through innovative research and collaborative work, participants can expect to share professional experience in an attempt to present proposals that will be adapted to the physical and cultural needs of the inhabitants. For the participating designer, the City Move project is a multi-disciplinary event to transfer, as well as expand professional expertise.

The results and documentation from the workshop will become a part of a knowledge bank showing how the process could be used in Sweden but also how it can be adapted and implemented in similar areas around the world.



### What is an Icsid Interdesign?

An Interdesign is a two-week workshop where an international team of professionals work collaboratively on a predetermined issue of regional and/or international significance.

Since the first Interdesign workshop in 1971, Interdesign participants interact and cooperate with cross-disciplinary professionals from various parts of the world and present solutions that solicit a wide range of perspectives, ideas and concepts to solve a particular issue that is often applicable in other international contexts.

Visit the [Icsid Interdesign page](#) for more information.



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### Taking part in the City Move Interdesign 2009

During the two-week Interdesign workshop, participants will contribute to a challenging yet fun experience that will provide professionals with the opportunity to explore new concepts, as well as network with new people from all over the world in a creative atmosphere.

The workshop will take place in Gellivare, Sweden, north of the polar circle and will consist of field trips, workshops, presentations, as well as social activities such as skiing and dogsled rides!

Participation to the workshop is limited to approximately 35 people. Applications will be reviewed and only those individuals selected will be invited to participate. Ideal participants should have an interest in building social structures and the development of societies.

Primary participants for the workshop would include:

- Architects
- Industrial designers
- Landscape architects
- Social scientists
- City planners
- Engineers
- Environmental specialists
- Artists
- Psychologists
- Others

### Cost

Interdesign participants are not compensated for the involvement in the workshop. Individuals must make their own travel arrangements to Sweden. However, once in Sweden, the organisers will arrange and pay for accommodation, local transportation, and meals for the duration of the workshop.

### Links

- Visit the [Interdesign Sweden 2009 event page](#).
- Get more information and download the application at [www.svid.se/citymove](http://www.svid.se/citymove).

SVID has successfully managed such projects as:

- Children + design = as usual, but better
- Children + design with IKEA
- Bottendesign (a design project in Norrbotten and Västerbotten)
- Design in Hälsingland
- Design as a force for development for the Stockholm Region
- Eco Design
- Eco Design, one step on
- Small Enterprises Initiative
- Small Enterprises Initiative, examples
- Sweden in good shape