

Key Facts about City Move Interdesign

What is an Icsid Interdesign?

An Icsid Interdesign is a two-week workshop where an international team work collaboratively on a predetermined issue of regional and/or international significance. A host country identifies a particular problem specific to their country whose solution is applicable in other international contexts. Since the first Interdesign workshop in 1971, Interdesign themes have ranged from being purely product design to opening discussions on general topics

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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 cities and may force their populations to relocate. But 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 City Move Interdesign. It is believed that better solutions to the challenges of moving societies can be achieved by using modern design methods. City Move Interdesign will be the 45th Icsid Interdesign Workshop. It is the main activity in a project about how to relocate people and societies. The project will look at the possibilities of creating new spaces for people both in a human and technological way, where homes, workplaces, tourist attractions and meeting places have to be relocated or even left behind.

City Move Interdesign will take place from March 22 to April 3, 2009.

Outcomes & Expected Results

The following points give an overview of the preliminary outcomes and expected results from City Move Interdesign:

- Create a unit together with other activities in the region that is relevant to a holistic view on the future planning of societies.
- Visualise ideas and suggestions and adapt them to physical and cultural needs and desires of the inhabitants.
- Identify knowledge and experience as an important platform for new business possibilities.
- Increase collaborations with universities in Sweden and abroad.
- Present results in a written report, seminar presentations, an exhibition and more.
- Establish a center and network in Gällivare connected to Universities, private sectors, Designarena Nord and the community as a knowledge base for the development in the mining fields and in the north of Sweden and elsewhere.

Participation

Icsid Interdesign Workshops were created to provide professional development opportunities to professional designers. Indeed, the best way for designers and many other professions to get further training or exposure to research is to take part in a working project that is different from daily work. As a participant in City Move Interdesign, you will take design into new fields and you will become a specialist in this new area – something that you can bring into your own business and of course add to your CV.

Participation in City Move Interdesign is voluntary and participants will not receive any form of payment for taking part in the Interdesign Workshop.

Travel to Sweden will not be supported by Icsid or any of the hosting partners. However, all transport, accommodation and meals will be provided to participants for the duration of the Interdesign Workshop.

In order to participate in City Move Interdesign, a formal application is required. The application period opens on April 15 and closes on July 31, 2008. Details on the application and a preliminary program will be available at www.svid.se/citymove by April 15, 2008.

Ownership

Due to the collaborative contributions in the Interdesign process, all shared knowledge and produced design concepts become the shared intellectual property of all participating designers. Rights to any designs remain vested in the participant group collectively, unless such designs are already part of the public domain. Each participant should understand that any designs or intellectual property that results from the Interdesign process, will remain the collective property of all the participants. In addition, the distribution and/or transfer of intellectual or industrial property rights shall be agreed upon on a case-by-case basis, between the participants or between the participants and any prospective producers or marketers of products or services developed in the Interdesign. More details will be developed due to European laws.

Further information on ownership and intellectual property will be provided to you in your participant briefing upon acceptance of your application.

Timeline

April 21, 2008	Application details and preliminary program available at www.svid.se/citymove
April 21, 2008	Application period opens
July 31, 2008	Application period closes
September 30, 2008	Notification of acceptance to participants + preliminary program
October 31, 2008	Final acceptance deadline
December 31, 2008	Detailed program sent out
March 22 – April 3, 2009	City Move Interdesign

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For more general information on Icsid and Interdesign Workshops, please visit www.icsid.org/projects/projects/articles211.htm