International Council for Caring Communities

The International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) responds to the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly aging global population. ICCC stimulates and identifies successful strategies and creative solutions, and encourages their adaptation in both developing and developed countries.

ICCC serves not only as a leader and catalyst, but also provides a unique bridge across universities, government agencies, the private sector, NGOs, and United Nations agencies to promote a Society for all Generations. ICCC is a non-profit organization, and has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

Since 1994, over 9,000 students from over 65 countries have participated in ICCC's International Design Competitions. These students have presented practical strategies to fully integrate older persons into the fabric of their communities. Their unique projects have beenjudged by internationally renowned architects, professors, and gerontologists.

Globally, over one million people turn 60 years of age every month, with the fastest increase in developing countries. By 2050, for the first time in history, older adults will outnumber those under age 15.

The mainstreaming of ageing issues -- especially within the areas of the built environment and information and communication technologies (ICT) -- are the centerpieces of ICCC's global dialogue.

Fellowship Sponsors include:
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Sponsors are most welcome: Fellowships can be in the name of individual, company or autonomous

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Fellows Awards

Leaders of the Future
ICCC Competition Winners giving back to Society

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International Student Design Competition
"Integrated Communities:
A Society for All Generations"

1 March 2016
Delegates Dining Room
United Nations Headquarters

Society for Agequake Student Designers

Giving Back to Communities

The Society fo rAgequake Student Designers was established in 2014 to encourage ICCC competition winners to apply their expertise to meet the challenges of demographic changes. The Society will enable governments, NGOs, and the private sector to benefit from the talents of the student fellows who will propose innovative solutions to improve the quality of life within their communities.

Society Structure

The Society for Agequake Student Designers is comprised of:

1) Student Fellowship Program;
2) Distinguished Mentors Program; and
3) Resource Talent Bank.

Student Fellowship Program

Fellowships provide a three-month internship with authorities within their home country that are align with their professional interests. They will have online support from other fellows, professionals, and past ICCC Design Competition winners. The fellows receive a $5,000 internship stipend.

Fellows will present summary reports to sponsors at the close of their internships. Their research and recommendations will be published in their local language and English so that a global network may benefit from their work.

Distinguished Mentors Program

Distinguished Mentors -- comprised of architects and past competition participants -- will provide advice and guidance to enable the fellows to achieve their goals. Mentors' expertise in the latest trends in today's environment, combined with their leadership and management skills, will benefit the careers of the fellows and enhance the impact of their work

Resource Talent Bank

All ICCC Competition finalists will be enrolled in the Resource Talent Bank -- a directory of professional expertise. This will enable the public and private sectors to contact fellows for innovative solutions to aging challenges within their companies, institutions, communities, or governments.

Benefits for Sponsors

Sponsors will be the first to access new ideas that would impact global trends in development. Sponsorship of innovative young professionals will promote the exchange and development of new thinking across countries and disciplines.

2016 Fellows Project Abstacts:

Korinna Zinovia Weber: Social Center of Giesing. Munich, Germany.

This fellowship was presented as a Master thesis at the Technical University of Munich and supported by the Worker's Welfare Association Munich and the International Council for Caring Communities. Its main idea is to integrate a social center into a home for elderly with three groups of inhabitants: seniors, employees and young unaccompanied minor refugees, in order to create a vivid community that helps and learns from each other in daily life. The complex, consisting of three houses, is refurbished and a new volume is added into the structure that provides new facilities like classrooms and a new representative entrance. The "heart of the house" is a new dining hall with a cozy but yet representative atmosphere. This project is an example for a home that welcomes all ages and people to live in a vivid community under one roof.

Anna Prokudina. Seniors in a smart city: A Placemaking strategy for the urban regeneration of public space. Metz, France.

The aim of this fellowship is to define an urban planning strategy for a smart city development that focuses on ensuring abilities of senior citizens to be involved into the active and fulfilling life in the city. Research was dived in two parts: The first part defines the needs of seniors in a smart city and how to meet their needs in a rapidly changing world? The second part, the project design proposal is a solution for transformation of the central square currently occupied by parking into the all-day event site and public destination fo seniors and people of all ages, for the various activities evolving elderly to participate in. The architectural concept is the diagonal paths with a center of the public area -a yard of a rectangular shape, space where most activities take place. The principal strategy of the project is to bring nature into the urban environment creating a green recreational zone in the downtown area.

Max Tirassa. A community center for All Ages. Rome, Italy.

In 2014 a study analyzed that most active citizen associations in a studied neighborhood in Rome lacked proper structures to meet and organize events. The proposal contained, among other features the design of a scattered community center. This project was the starting point for Max Tirassa fellowship. The focus is on two main themes: To see if there were any chances to actually realize a community center unit in the Nuovo Salario neighborhood; and a research information on various initiatives to promote interaction between different age groups. I took a look at several types of projects, the most important of which concerned Home sharing. It was possible to see that there are many different projects which try to promote intergenerational exchange, but only few of them manage to be successful without substantial help and public funding.

Ray Shannon. Enhancing Sudan's Education for Better Aging. Sudan.

The fellowship is threesome: The first part provides an analytical overview of Sudan and Africa, with its current demographic changes and the concept of aging in Sudan and how Sudanese perceive the idea of aging. The second part defines how to prepare Sudan for the coming aging wave and how to make use of Sudan's window of opportunity with a present low percentage of senior citizens and the third part focuses on the effect of enhancing the main education' categories for better aging which are primary and secondary education (high education); skilled labor education and financial education.

Dafina Shaku & Laura Shalluk. Embracing new approaches to multigenerational communities – Gjakova, Kosovo

The fellowship consists of three parts: The first part defines a world overview of growing old, based on a variety of sources, starting with publicly available data (mainly from the United Nations) on global demographic change; and a local level surveys and statistics, providing important information on the existing structure of the population in Kosovo and the strategies regarding different contexts of older adults 'community. The second part considers physiological and psychological issues associated with older age, to adequately answer the challenge and opportunities to improve the social and financial services for an elderly community and create a society that might include all ages. Through research evidence review, key drivers and policy areas were identified and further explored, like the impact of education, migration and poverty at the labor market and economic development; the cost of providing pensions, welfare and health services to older people and the lack of affordable housing. The third part evaluates different case studies from developed and developing countries in terms of ageing issues, and revised policy review related to social services for older people. The focus topics were: outdoor spaces and public buildings, transport, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, community support, and health services.

Mayara Regina de Souza. Social Integrative and Revitalizing Units. Brazil.

This fellowship program raises from the research question: how to give back t communities and how to make them alive? How to inject a vital cause on th intergenerational strategy? In order to create interdependence between th interested individuals and to capture important and significant entities an leveraging the strategy. The research method defined might be applicable t different cities, states and even different countries. Additionally, local action wa studied which led the fellow to develop a visionary mechanism for the citie and its people, where the interdependence principle multiplies, solving sever conflicts and emergent priorities with just one strategy.