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# The International NVTG Building Award 2016

“A healing environment  
for all users”



## Participate in the International NVTG Building Award Contest 2016

In April 2016 the NVTG will present the sixth NVTG Building Award. This will take place at the World Congress of the International Federation of Health Care Engineering (IFHE), which will be held in the Netherlands at the World Forum in The Hague. Because of the international nature of the Congress, colleagues from all over the world are invited to enter their projects.

The theme for the NVTG Building Award 2016 is “A healing environment for all users”, referring to visitors and health care professionals as well as patients and clients. In judging the international projects the jury will take into account local circumstances. Projects from all healthcare sectors can compete, including for instance private hospitals and care hotels.

### Criteria

Only projects that have been completed in or after April 2011 will be considered for the award, and the projects must be in use when

they are entered for the Contest. All healthcare sectors can enter a project. The International NVTG Building Award focuses on new builds as well as renovation or remodelling projects.

### The jury will focus on the following criteria:

- > Physical wellbeing
- > Mental wellbeing
- > Social wellbeing

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### Physical wellbeing

In order to create an environment that contributes to the physical wellbeing of its users, great attention must be paid to the following aspects:

- > Building conditions that influence the physical health of its users (light, air, acoustics, hygiene and climate);
- > Accessibility
- > The design of the building must enable patients/clients to function as independently as possible
- > The building must enable its users to perform their everyday tasks and activities, either independently or with help.

### Mental wellbeing

In vulnerable situations, for instance during hospitalisation, people are extra sensitive to their environment. A person's mental wellbeing is strongly influenced by their physical environment, therefore a building that makes a positive contribution to the mental wellbeing of its users, improves their quality of life.

### Social wellbeing

Buildings have to meet a large variety of criteria; on the one hand they must offer their occupants and users sufficient privacy, and on the other hand they have to facilitate and encourage social interaction. This is important to prevent loneliness among the elderly for example.



*The winner of the 2010 NVTG Building Award: Group Home Centre 'Aan de Pas' in the town of Bunde, by iNeX Architecten.*

### Entering projects

Projects can be entered through the NVTG website: [www.nvtg.nl/buildingaward2016](http://www.nvtg.nl/buildingaward2016), where you will find a registration form with the option to upload pictures.

### Registration period

The registration deadline for the NVTG Building Award is 1 November 2015. Any questions about registration must be directed to the organisation before 1 October 2015.

### Judging

The jury will consist of a group of (international) experts in the field of health care housing. The judging will take place in November and December 2015.

### Nominations

After reviewing all projects, the jury will make a selection of the most promising contenders. These nominees will be announced through the NVTG and IFHE bulletins.

### Winner

The winner of the NVTG Building Award will be announced during the IFHE World Congress organised by the NVTG from 18 until 20 April 2016 at the World Forum in The Hague. They will be presented with a sculpture from the artist Ineke van Dijk, which will be created especially for the occasion.

