



International Association for Public Participation

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Committee on Science and Technology
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Dear Convenor,

I am writing to advise that Teknologiraadet - the Danish Board of Technology - is the 2010 recipient of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Jim Creighton Award.

This award began in 2008 and is awarded by the International Board. It is named in recognition of the founding President and trail blazer in public participation Mr Jim Creighton from the United States of America. This award was created in 2008 to promote sustained leadership to an institution in the field of public participation.

The criteria for the award is to:

- Have made a significant contribution to the practice over time – 10 years at least
- Have a commitment to advancing the practice through supporting or enabling research
- Be linked to IAP2 core values
- Have capacity to maintain and build relationship with IAP2 and the practice in an international environment

IAP2 promotes the use of public participation as a tool for improved decision-making and believes that people have a right to have a say in the decisions that affect them. Each year we hold an international call for best practice around the world and these are known as the Core Values Awards as they reflect the core values of the practice of public participation namely:

1. Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
2. Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.

3. Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
4. Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
5. Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
6. Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
7. Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

You cannot apply to receive this award it is based exclusively on nominations within the international board members themselves. The contribution and inspiration that the Danish Board of Technology has offered to the global community of practitioners, researchers and organisations in the field of public participation is far reaching. The Danish Board of Technology have proven expertise and experience in methodology and praxis which sets them apart and in a leading role in this field in the world.

The internationalisation of public participation is growing around the world as nation-states, social media and international co-operation and collaboration extend across borders and platforms. IAP2 is keen to support, foster and promote the work of the Danish Board of Technology to bring their work and learning to a world-wide community.

The IAP2 Board in making this award noted that it was the outstanding nominee because of a number of key features of the work of the Board of Technology including: random selection, deliberative processes, innovation and creative approaches, and international reach. The work undertaken leading into the Copenhagen Climate Change summit is of particular note and their global project on World Wide Views on Global Warming is a master class in engagement for the field. I am delighted that I was able to meet Lars Klüver recently and commend the Danish Board of Technology for its ongoing leadership, inspiration and courage. I would also like to acknowledge the leading role of Denmark in the development of public participation connected to policy advising and public debate.

Yours sincerely



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