

Nobel Sustainability Trust Award

The Global Observatory of Healthy and Sustainable Cities (GOHSC) is honoured to receive the **2025 Nobel Sustainability Trust (NST) Sustainability Award** for **Outstanding Research and Development for Intelligent and Sustainable Urban Solutions**. This recognition reflects the collective achievements of our Executive Committee and the hundreds of collaborators worldwide who have advanced open science, comparable urban indicators, and evidence-informed action for healthier, more sustainable cities.

About the award

The Nobel Sustainability Trust Award recognises global leadership and innovation that enable cities and societies to advance human and planetary wellbeing. The award will be presented at the **Nobel Sustainability Trust Summit** in Miami on December 4–5, 2025. GOHSC will share a total prize fund of up to 1.3 million Swedish kronor with two other award recipients.

“I warmly congratulate the award winners and thank them for their outstanding contributions. Their efforts are paving the way toward a future in which humanity can prosper in harmony with the planet.”

- Peter Nobel, Chairman of the Nobel Sustainability Trust.

Thank you!

This honour belongs to the entire GOHSC network. We extend heartfelt thanks to:

- **Our Executive Committee** for scientific stewardship and strategic leadership.
- The **319+ researchers and practitioners across 198 cities in 57 countries** for sustained collaboration and local expertise.
- **City teams, policymakers, civil society partners, and advocates** who use and advance our indicators and tools.
- **Global experts and contributors** who co-develop new indicators and improve open-access software to empower local action.

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About the Global Observatory of Healthy and Sustainable Cities: global collaboration for impact

The Global Observatory of Healthy and Sustainable Cities (GOHSC) (www.healthysustainablecities.org) is a leading global source of evidence-based urban policy and spatial indicators, providing tools to measure and track progress towards healthy and sustainable cities. We empower cities with the information needed to accelerate equitable urban transformations.

- **Long-standing international collaborations:** A multi-award-winning network of more than **319** researchers and practitioners across **198 cities in 57 countries**.
- **1000 Cities Challenge:** Our flagship initiative provides local teams with tools to generate city indicator reports and scorecards, strengthening advocacy capabilities and evidence-informed decisions.
- **Cutting edge research:** The GOHSC Executive has led two influential series in [Lancet-family journals](#) and developed globally comparable policy-relevant metrics.
- **Evidence-based indicators:** Measuring what matters for healthy and sustainable cities, such as walkability, access to public space, food stores and public transport, urban heat vulnerability, and the quality of urban policies.
- **Global data for local impact:** Our open-access software and standardised measurement approach remove barriers to critical planning data, enabling comparisons between cities and monitoring over time.

Our Founding Executive Committee

The **Executive Committee** provides strategic oversight of the Global Observatory of Healthy and Sustainable Cities. Led by Co-directors, Dr. Melanie Lowe and Prof. Erica Hinckson, the international multi-disciplinary Executive Committee have pioneered the study of healthy and sustainable cities and developed cutting edge indicator methods and software tools.

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