



# Right to Quiet

Society for Soundscape Awareness & Protection

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**You are invited to a Zoom meeting**  
*International Noise Awareness Day (INAD)*  
**Wednesday April 27, 2022 12 PM -1:30 PM (PT)**  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

## QUIET PARKS AND QUIET SPACES

In observation of the 27th annual *International Noise Awareness Day (INAD)*, and to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Vancouver based *Right to Quiet*, we invite you to a virtual forum examining the health enhancing benefits of quiet green spaces, and the importance of protecting such spaces from noise pollution for the benefit of humans and urban wildlife.

*Quiet Parks and Quiet Spaces* will address the health impacts of noise and the need for quiet spaces in urban parks, especially as density increases.

### MODERATOR

[CATHERINE EVANS](#) (Vancouver): Park Board Commissioner 2014-2018; background in law, policy and communications; experienced community builder, facilitator and designer of public policy processes; passionate about public space.

### INAD INTRO

[ARLINE L. BRONZAFT, Ph.D.](#) (New York): Environmental psychologist; Professor Emerita City University New York; *Right To Quiet* Board; Co-Founder *The Quiet Coalition* and *INAD*; advisor to five New York City mayors as chairperson of the Noise Committee [GrowNYC.org](#); advisor *Quiet Parks International*; co-author *Why Noise Matters*.

### PANELISTS

[ULF BOHMAN](#) (Sweden): Director of Urban Parks *Quiet Parks International*; City of Stockholm *Guide to Silence*, a project that helps people find green, calm places that promote well-being and inner stillness, particularly in green places in cities of the world; implemented many *Urban Quiet Parks* in Sweden and would like to do that across the globe.

[FRANCESCO ALETTA](#) (UK/Italy): Research Associate at the Institute for Environmental Design and Engineering, The Bartlett, University College London; Italian Acoustical Society (AIA) member; Secretary Technical Committee Noise European Acoustics Association (EAA), active for over 10 years in soundscape studies and environmental acoustics; wrote NOISE chapter of United Nations Environment Programme *UNEP Report "Frontiers 2022: Noise, Blazes and Mismatches"*, "*Listening to Cities: From Noisy Environments to Positive Soundscapes*".

[DAVID SADOWAY](#) (British Columbia): faculty Geography and Environment Dept. Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, BC; urban planner and environmental manager; regional representative *Quiet Parks International*; lived and worked in Asia for over 15 years teaching and researching soundscapes and noise impacts on urban quality of life and livability. "*Provisioning access to quiet places for all with low air and light pollution are not only crucial for biodiversity protection, but also for socio-psychological health.*"