

# Nordic Light Rail Association

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## The Award

The Nordic Light Rail Prize (NLRP) was awarded for the first time in 2016. The award has been launched to recognize the founding mothers and fathers of new tramway systems in Northern Europe. Furthermore it recognizes those people who have distinguished themselves by dedicating their lifework to city tram.

A maximum of 12 people up to the age of 80 years can be NLRP prize-winners of the first-degree. In the second-degree category there is no limit to the number of prize-winners. In specially justified cases the prize can also be awarded to an organisation rather than to an individual. The NLRP must not, and cannot be awarded every year.

## The Nordic Light Rail Prize goes to Gråkallbanen in Trondheim.



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**The board of the Nordic Light Rail Association has announced that Gråkallbanen in Trondheim, Norway, has been awarded the Nordic Light Rail Prize. This recognition is given in acknowledgment of Gråkallbanen's sustained commitment and significant contributions to public transportation and heritage preservation.**

### Award Recipients

The award will be presented to two organizations that have demonstrated outstanding dedication to providing high-quality transport services to both residents and visitors of Trondheim. In addition to their commitment to operational excellence, these organizations have played a crucial role in maintaining the rich historical traditions and roots associated with Gråkallbanen.

- **Boreal Bane AS – the operator of Gråkallbanen**
- **Sporveishistorisk Forening (Tramway Historical Society)** responsible for providing historic trams for special operations and managing the Trondheim tram museum at Munkvoll

### Significance of Gråkallbanen

Gråkallbanen holds the distinction of being the northernmost tram system in the world. In 2024, it celebrated its 100th anniversary, marking a century of service. The efforts of Boreal Bane AS and Sporveishistorisk Forening have been instrumental in ensuring the preservation and improvement of this unique tramway line, with hopes that it will continue to serve Trondheim for the next 100 years.

### Award Presentation

The official presentation of the Nordic Light Rail Prize to Gråkallbanen will take place at the upcoming **Light Rail Day**, scheduled to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on November 9th and 10th, 2026.

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