

**Nominee: Aimee Felus, The Aquifer Partnership**



<b>Category</b>	<b>2. Established Professional</b>
<b>Nominator</b>	Amy Jack, Team Leader of Groundwater, Hydrology and Contaminated Land Team, Environment Agency

In the past year, Aimee from The Aquifer Partnership has completed three SuDS in Schools projects with The Aquifer Partnership (£436k), and voluntarily undertaking another for her children’s school (£212k).

Aimee's work goes beyond implementing SuDS projects and actively encourages the students, parents and school staff to get involved in the design and give them a sense of ownership. She prioritises nature-based play areas to support students’ learning and well-being, turning rainy days into exciting opportunities for play and discovery. She puts the community at the forefront of SuDS, ensuring everyone is involved with personalised details that contribute to a sense of belonging and fosters guardianship.

Aimee led the Moulsecoomb Primary Raingarden project, which transformed a deteriorating, uninspiring and underused area into a vibrant, interactive rain garden. She involves pupils in all aspects of water, climate resilience and biodiversity, and incorporates details from current lessons, for example incorporating an engraving of quote from a book to engage students in a fun and informative way.

Beyond her work in schools, Aimee has pioneered the use of artists for SuDS outreach. By doing so, she's found another way to promote SuDS that may not have otherwise been reached. She was a catalyst in raising confidence in other organisations to progress their own projects, sharing best practice and lessons learned.