

susdrain SuDS Champion Nomination Form 2021



1. Nomination details

Name of nominated person	Saira Ali	
Name of nominee's organisation or community	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	
Role of nominee in their organisation/community	Team Leader, Landscape Design and Conservation Team	
Role in championing SuDS	Pushing for SuDS on various projects, improving the design quality of SuDS in the district. Championing the multiple benefits of SuDS and BGI. Fundraising to increase the scale of SuDS interventions. Building resilience to the likely effects of climate change.	
Experienced SuDS professional (worked with SuDS for more than 10 years) or 'rising star' (worked with SuDS for 10 years or fewer)		Please indicate category
	Established	Yes/No
	Rising star	Yes/No
Name and organisation of nominator	Prof David Lerner FREng, Trustee Aire Rivers Trust; Chair Friends of Bradford's Becks; Emeritus Professor of Environmental Engineering, U of Sheffield	

Relationship of nominator to nominee	I know Saira Ali through her work in promoting SuDS and other Blue-green infrastructure in Bradford district which is of importance to our objectives to improve the rivers.
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2. Please give us some bullet points to explain how your nominee inspires, informs and influences SuDS, with examples of SuDS delivery.

(Maximum 150 words total)

Inspire – how has your champion inspired others regarding SuDS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She has changed to whole attitude of Bradford Council from ‘it would be nice but ...’ to ‘come on, let’s do it’. This has resulted in funding being obtained for BGI and SuDS to be designed into several Council-led projects, and for construction to actually take place. This is a transformation for Bradford.
Inform – how does your champion share good practice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is a lead player in the INTERREG project BEGIN on sharing practice on BGI across cities in Europe. There have been several BEGIN workshops in Bradford to bring expertise in, and members of her team have been on study visits to partner cities in mainland Europe.
Influence – how has your champion dealt with challenges and shared their enthusiasm about SuDS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her whole attitude is so refreshing for a Council! Enthusiastic and positive, she encourages her team and other Council officers to find solutions to challenges. Her drive has enabled an impressive list of successful funding bids; success in turn generates enthusiasm in the team and the NGO groups that she comes in contact with, including FOBB and ART which have been swept along in her drive to make things happen..

Please submit this form to Louise Walker (louise.walker@ciria.org)

by 30th April 2021