

Nominee: Saira Ali, City of Bradford MDC



Category	2. Established Professional
Nominator	Paul Shaffer, Director of Innovation and Delivery, CIWEM

Saira is championing SuDS and going the extra mile by delivering SuDS that create greener, healthier and more prosperous communities. She collaborates with different council functions, colleagues, stakeholders and the community across the district to showcase the value of using SuDS and is constantly championing BGI.

Over the last decade Saira has had a massive influence both in Bradford and the wider industry by promoting BGI, including writing for the Landscape Institute and CIWEM. Her enthusiastic dedication to sustainable drainage has been exemplary and she has shown resilience and fortitude in securing support from internal and external partners.

Saira's been able to inspire colleagues and other landscape architects by winning susdrain's SuDS Champion 2021 'Rising Star'. She's also supported her team in being recognised and awarded two different awards in the European Commission's Regiostars Awards 2021 – these were the 'Green Europe: Green and Resilient Communities in Rural and Urban Settings' award (voted for by the public) and the Overall public vote award.

Saira has shared Bradford's vision and aspirations for SuDS and blue-green infrastructure at conferences nationally and internationally.