

susdrain SuDS Awards 2020

Judging Guidelines

Introduction

Susdrain is inviting entries to the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Awards 2020.

SuDS are becoming an increasingly visible and functioning part of our landscapes. With increased implementation comes increased acceptance and improvements on their delivery.

susdrain's SuDS Awards was established in 2018 to encourage high quality planning, design, construction and maintenance of sustainable drainage. The awards invite the construction industry to showcase high quality SuDS schemes that comply with industry standards, celebrating the SuDS champions involved in delivering the scheme and places a focus on projects that deliver multiple benefits beyond drainage alone.

A judging review panel will be assigned to each category and they will assess the submitted case studies to select a winner from each category. Highly commended schemes may be awarded at the judges' discretion and by exception. The winner of the first three categories will then be put forward for the Overall Winner award.

The susdrain SuDS Awards aim to raise the profile of SuDS and their contribution to creating great places and spaces. While recognising how the industry continues to improve understanding and uptake of SuDS, the awards highlight the organisations and individual champions that go above and beyond to promote the multiple benefits of SuDS.

Award entries will also be considered for inclusion in susdrain's catalogue of case studies as a 'light case study'.

Award Categories:

There are three susdrain SuDS Award categories, and a SuDS Champion. Winning submissions will be assessed and chosen from each category and awarded to projects that demonstrate functionality, innovation and delivery of multiple benefits in the categories below:

- Retrofit SuDS
- New build small scale SuDS (less than 10 properties / 1.0 hectares)
- New build larger scale, collective SuDS (10 plus properties / 1.0 hectares)
- susdrain Overall Winner 2020
- susdrain SuDS Champion Award 2020

The Overall Winner will be selected from the three project category award winners based on a combination of all criteria.

Timeline:

- Release call for nominations **January 2020**
- Deadline for submissions **30th April 2020**
- Judging peer review panel meets/assesses **May 2020**
- SuDS Champion shortlist released for public vote **May 2020**
- Project shortlist announced **June 2020**
- Awards presentation **16th July 2020 (at City Hall, London)**

Winners will receive:

- Framed certificate and use of winner's logo
- Invitation to present at a susdrain seminar
- Increased project, team and personal profile on susdrain website and through wider susdrain partner networks
- Opportunities to present and network at other CIRIA / susdrain and their partner's events.
- Feedback in the scheme from a panel of experts.

SuDS Champion

The **susdrain SuDS Champion** award is open for organisations and people to nominate an individual who has demonstrably gone 'the extra mile' to deliver and encourage the uptake of SuDS. These Awards recognise that more often than not, SuDS are implemented due to the ability of a single champion. A champion who is able to **inspire, inform** and **influence** others to get on board, share good practice, overcome challenges and share their enthusiasm for SuDS.

Nominated individuals may come from a wide variety of backgrounds, a SuDS practitioner, contractor, client, planner, member of the local community or from another area entirely.

Previous SuDS Champion winners will not be shortlisted and we cannot accept nominations from people in the same organisation. Previous runners up can be nominated and shortlisted.

All shortlisted nominees will be put forward for voting by the public and susdrain Partners and Supporters. Each shortlisted person will be informed before the shortlist is released. The winner will be announced at the Award ceremony in July 2020.

Information and entry submission

For further information and to submit your entries please contact Louise Walker (louise.walker@ciria.org)

Good luck!

Categories and criteria

Award Category	Retrofit
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SuDS projects that demonstrate effective management of runoff in an engaging way. • Projects that use land wisely and maximise its function as a retrofit solution. • Projects that integrate into a site where they may not have been considered at the outset. • Projects that form part of either a series of interventions or a single, standalone scheme. • Projects in either the public realm or on privately owned land. • Projects that seize opportunities to demonstrate innovation and resource efficiencies. • Projects completed since 01/01/16
Suggested criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The extent to which the project manages Water Quantity / run off – The extent to which the project improves Water Quality – The extent to which the project provides improvements on amenity – The extent to which the project delivers on biodiversity (as net gain) – The extent to which the project uses the overall SuDS design principles e.g. management train – Positive impact on the wider environment – Positive impact on the wider community – Level of innovation applied to resolving design issues or overcoming physical challenges – Quality of supporting data both physical and anecdotal – Delivery of multiple benefits over and beyond drainage – The extent to which the scheme has been designed for ease of access, maintenance and replicability – Level of collaboration in design process – Cost effectiveness i.e. what the project achieved relative to its capital costs – Replicability of the scheme

Award Category	New build small scale i.e. less than 10 properties / <1.0 hectare
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New build SuDS projects that demonstrate effective and engaging management of runoff in an engaging way. • Projects that use land efficiently and maximise its functionality through effective integration of SuDS within the wider landscape master plan. • Projects that integrate into a site as part of the new build landscape master plan • Projects can be either public realm or on privately owned land. • Projects that seize opportunities to demonstrate innovation and resource efficiencies. • Projects that form part of either a series of interventions or a single, standalone scheme. • Projects completed since 01/01/16
Suggested criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The extent to which the project manages Water Quantity / runoff – The extent to which the project improves Water Quality – The extent to which the project provides improvements on amenity

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The extent to which the project delivers on biodiversity (as net gain) – The extent to which the project uses the overall SuDS design principles e.g. management train – Positive impact on the wider environment – Positive impact on the wider community – Level of Innovation applied to resolving design issues or overcoming physical challenges – Quality of supporting data both physical and anecdotal – Delivery of multiple benefits over and beyond drainage – Level of collaboration in design process – The extent to which the scheme has been designed for ease of access, maintenance and replicability – Cost effectiveness i.e. what the project achieved relative to its capital costs – Replicability of the scheme
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Award Category	New build larger scale, collective e.g. 10 plus properties > 1.0 hectares
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New build SuDS projects that demonstrate effective and engaging management of run off. • Projects that use land efficiently and maximise its functionality through effective integration of SuDS within the wider landscape master plan. • SuDS designs that are mindful of the wider catchment of an area beyond the development red line boundary. • Projects can be either public realm or on privately owned land. • Projects that seize opportunities to demonstrate innovation and resource efficiencies. • Projects completed since 01/01/16
Suggested criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The extent to which the project manages Water Quantity / run off – The extent to which the project improves Water Quality – The extent to which the project provides improvements on amenity – The extent to which the project delivers on biodiversity (as net gain) – The extent to which the project uses the overall SuDS design principles e.g. management train – Positive impact on the wider environment – Positive impact on the wider community – Level of Innovation applied to resolving design issues or overcoming physical challenges – Quality of supporting data both physical and anecdotal – Delivery of multiple benefits over and beyond drainage – The extent to which the scheme has been designed for ease of access, maintenance and replicability – Level of collaboration in design process – Cost effectiveness i.e. what the project achieved relative to its capital costs – Replicability of the scheme

Award Category	Overall Winner
Description	The overall winner will be selected by the judging panel from each category's winning schemes. The scheme will be selected as having been assessed as best overall in relation to the main judging criteria below.
Suggested criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The project that demonstrates greatest achievement in delivering SuDS across the pillars of water quality, water quantity, biodiversity and amenity – The project that goes the extra mile and can demonstrate benefits over and above the four pillars such as improvements to integrated Green Infrastructure, Natural Capital contribution – The extent to which the project offers lessons learnt and replicable ideas – The extent to which the ethos of SuDS has been carried through from inception through to the maintenance and management of a scheme. – The extent of collaboration with a range of professionals, through partnership working, and community engagement – Projects completed since 01/01/16

Award Category	susdrain SuDS Champion Award
Description	Those entering schemes to the susdrain Awards are invited to nominate one person who has demonstrably gone the extra mile to promote use of SuDS. Previous winners will not be shortlisted, but previous runners-up can be nominated and shortlisted.
Suggested criteria	<p>Key qualities for a susdrain SuDS Champion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Inspiring – someone who inspires others regarding SuDS – Informing – someone who shares good practice – Influencing – someone who has dealt with challenges and shared their enthusiasm about SuDS