

susdrain SuDS Champion nomination 2020



1. Nomination details

Name of nominated person	George Warren
Name of their organisation ¹ or community	Greater London Authority
Role in organisation or community	Climate Change Adaptation Team Project Manager for the London Sustainable Drainage Action Plan
Role in championing SuDS	He has championed the implementation of many SuDS projects first in Hammersmith and Fulham and more recently all over London championing the delivery of the GLA's SuDs

¹ Please note we are unable to accept nominations from employees of the same organisation as the nominee (this does not apply to community groups).

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	action Plan.
Name of nominator	CoChairs of LoDEG
Relationship of nominator to nominee	Lead Local Flood Authority Colleague, LoDEG board member

2. State your reasons for nominating this champion under the following headings (Max 50 words per heading)

Inspiring – how has your	Through best practice by implementing SuDS in
champion inspired others	Hammersmith and Fulham (Housing Estates)
regarding SuDS?	and through championing SuDS tirelessly at
	every opportunity in different fora.
Informing – how does your	Through meetings: such as LoDEG trimestral
champion share good practice?	meetings. Through web pages such as the
	London Sustainable Drainage Action Plan.
	Influencing Green Infrastructure to also
	implement SuDs as well as share his knowledge
	and best practice to influence suSds nationally
	through membership of the SuDs policy
	Leadership group at CIWEM. Securing funding
	for and leading on multiple projects such as
	managing Road RunOff through SuDs, Water
	Reuse and bringing together stakeholders,
	organising workshops, site visits, and by
	participating in conferences.
Influencing – how has your	He deals with challenges with a good sense of
champion dealt with challenges	humour and a pinch of irony. His enthusiasm
and shared their enthusiasm	about SuDS is quite obvious in his work.
about SuDS?	

3. Please give a quotable reason for your nomination (no more than 100 words)

Describe why this person has demonstrably gone the extra mile to promote use of SuDS and why they deserve to be awarded susdrain **SuDS Champion 2020**

George has worked really hard to implement many SuDS projects first in





Hammersmith and Fulham and more recently all over London through the GLA's action Plan. Some of the projects he has championed include:

- London SuDs Action Plan https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/lsdap_final.pdf
- Sector Specific SuDS Guidance (6 sectors) <u>https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/climate-change/surface-water/suds-sector-guidance</u>
- Leading and coordinating Highway SuDS Training through UDL (2 levels)
- Promoting the value of SuDs within the GLA securing funding Community Depaving Fund <u>https://www.london.gov.uk/press-</u> releases/mayoral/community-projects-across-capital-receive-funding
- Leadership and support of the London SuDs pilot Details of the project are summarised

https://www.floodandcoast.com/assets/SpeakerPresentations/5-Kasselman.pdf

- Involvement in updates to B£ST
- Taking forward the development of SuDS construction videos
- Blue Roofs Guidance (see London Plan drainage hierarchy)
- Integrated Water Management Strategy for Isle of Dogs & Thamesmead
- Lead and sponsor on behalf of the GLA to Road Run Off project funded by GLA and EA as well as ZSL <u>https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/road_runoff_water_quality</u> study_exec_summary_dec_19_0.pdf
- Member of CIWEM Policy Leadership group for Suds
- Chair of Association of Suds Authority working parties developing guidance and collating best practice on suds

He is incredibly passionate about SuDS and he works tirelessly to ensure implementation, using plenty of sense of humour and irony when required!

Personal statement

I am delighted to have been nominated and subsequently shortlisted for the Susdrain SuDS Champion 2020 Award, especially given the high calibre of candidates. I am truly passionate about the promotion of sustainable drainage and am increasingly energised by the number of innovative schemes that I keep seeing which truly embrace SuDS. I am excited by the opportunities that lie within the extensive changes we are seeing within our highways at present and I sincerely hope that as an industry we can ensure that SuDS play a pivotal role in the permanent solutions which will see vast improvements to our streetscapes.