

susdrain SuDS Champion nomination

2020



1. Nomination details

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| Name of nominated person | Pete Attwood |
| Name of their organisation or community | Groundwork Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside |
| Role in organisation/community | Love My River Coordinator |
| Role in championing SuDS | Leading work on community SuDS projects across Northwich delivering a broad range of SuDS initiatives in schools and community buildings. Adapting all projects so that the capital work is deliverable by volunteers and embedding learning opportunities on all projects. Key SuDS lead working with the Weaver Gowy Catchment Partnership and sharing knowledge across the UK through national forums |
| Name of nominator | Rachel Argyros |
| Relationship of nominator to nominee | Weaver Gowy Catchment Partnership |

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

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| <p>Inspiring – how has your champion inspired others regarding SuDS?</p> | <p>Pete work’s in an environmental charity and links river improvement projects to the local community. He works with volunteers of all ages and abilities ensuring project work and learning is accessible and inspiring for all. His SuDS projects improve local community buildings and schools whilst simultaneously protecting local rivers.</p> |
| <p>Informing – how does your champion share good practice?</p> | <p>To local partners through the Weaver-Gowry Catchment Partnership</p> <p>To schools through education workshops</p> <p>To further education by guest lecturing at Reaseheath College</p> <p>Via Love My River social media</p> <p>Through national Environment Agency videos</p> <p>Through local conferences inducing TedX Northwich</p> <p>To national partners through the CIRIA <i>Delivering SuDS for communities</i> event</p> |
| <p>Influencing – how has your champion dealt with challenges and shared their enthusiasm about SuDS?</p> | <p>Pete is passionate about protecting the natural environment. He adapts construction methods to make them inclusive for all abilities. He uses accessible language to ensure benefits of SuDS are understood by all stakeholders. He works tirelessly to share his work influencing others to undertake SuDS projects within their own communities.</p> |

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**

Pete works tirelessly to create innovative SuDS projects across Northwich. He shares his knowledge through local and national forums to ensure best practice is spread far and wide. His guest lectures at Reaseheath College inspire the next generation to think about the impact the built environment has on the natural environment. His key note speeches at TedX and CIRIA highlight the added benefits of integrating environmental improvement works with the local community. Pete is not just a committed environmental champion he is also a committed community champion seamlessly linking the two together to help build sustainable communities.

Personal statement

I'm particularly pleased to be nominated as most of my SuDS work has involved working with volunteers and community partners.

This nomination represents an acknowledgement of the contribution local volunteers and community premises managers can make: in raising the profile of the issues SuDS aim to address; and, delivering high quality practical schemes with multiple benefits. Being invited to speak about our work with a diversity of local groups also demonstrates real interest at grassroots level among people wanting to learn more about what we can each do at home and in our local areas to address global issues around flooding and water quality; and, to connect these actions with our pride in, and aspirations for, our own communities.