

susdrain SuDS Champion Nomination 2019



Nominated person	Bronwyn Buntine
Name of their organisation or community	Kent County Council/Associated SuDS Authority (ASA), Local Authority SuDS Officer Organisation (LASOO)
Role in organisation or community	Sustainable Drainage Team Leader/Chair of ASA
Role in championing SuDS	Driver for change, trying to bring about consistency, National advocate in taking forward SuDS policy and spearheading the formation of ASA; valued mentor.

Bronwyn received two separate nominations, the nomination statements are presented together.

First Nomination

<p>Inspiring – how has this champion inspired others regarding SuDS?</p>	<p>I've known Bronwyn since about 2012, we helped write the national standards guidance together and from that point I knew she wanted the best for SuDS. From the early days of LASOO and the formation of ASA Bronwyn is reaching out to all in our community, inspiring everyone that it doesn't have to be a grand project in the middle of London, it can simply be the removal of a few gullies and the creation of a swale.</p>
<p>Informing – how does this champion share good practice?</p>	<p>Creating LASOO and now ASA, Bronwyn makes sure she is aware of all good and bad practices, sharing this information through knowledge hub and speaking at seminars and conferences.</p>
<p>Influencing – how has this champion dealt with challenges and shared their enthusiasm about SuDS?</p>	<p>Challenges aren't shared enough, we are too good as a community to share what has gone well whilst forgetting those that have not, Rome wasn't built in a day! Bronwyn tries to get this balance, we learn from our mistakes and having enthusiasm when it comes to both good and not so good SuDS schemes is important, it's how we learn. That balance and objective view comes across with Bronwyn, together with our overarching enthusiasm for SuDS and everything they bring to the table.</p>

Second Nomination

<p>Inspiring – how has this champion inspired others regarding SuDS?</p>	<p>As a leader whose common sense, pragmatic approach to drainage solicits respect. In a policy vacuum generated by government, Bronwyn has drawn together like minded regulators and through her tireless work as a moderator for the LASOO forum has enabled the generation and sharing of best practice</p>
<p>Informing – how does this champion share good practice?</p>	<p>Bronwyn has communicated extensively through LASOO and has been generous in sharing best practice that has been developed both within Kent CC and other authorities. She has been the backbone to SuDS conferences and through creation of ASA has given SuDS engineers a collective national voice.</p>
<p>Influencing – how has this champion dealt with challenges and shared their enthusiasm about SuDS?</p>	<p>Bronwyn is resilient and innovative in the face of challenges and there have been a number of key issues, particularly in seeking to mobilise support and launch ASA. Her positive, goal centred approach has the momentum to draw others along with her and evoke loyalty.</p>

How this person has demonstrably gone the extra mile to promote use of SuDS and why they deserve to be awarded the susdrain 2019 SuDS Champion Award

First Nomination

I've been focused on SuDS since working alongside Bob Bray back in 2002, he inspired me to be where I am today. 17 years have passed since then and as a community we lean towards a utopia of SuDS which isn't sustainable, we need to become more mainstream, more relevant - more consistent.

Ever since meeting Bronwyn she has inspired me to realise that this can happen, that SuDS can be for all and not just for those willing to pay or have the right ideals. SuDS have to be straightforward and easily achievable.

Second Nomination

As a new practitioner to SuDS, in the chaotic regulatory environment following the government's failure to implement Schedule 3 of the FWMA2010, I needed a sounding board and mentor to guide me in as lead for SuDS at West Sussex LLFA. Bronwyn has been that mentor and source of wisdom on the end of the line and doubtless is unaware of just how beneficial this has been to myself and others.

I am personally grateful for Bronwyn's professional help and consider her fully deserving of the award SuDS Champion 2019, a fitting reward for her tireless work in launching ASA.