

susdrain SuDS Champion Nomination 2019



Nominated person	Mr Ian Titherington
Name of their organisation or community	Cardiff City Council
Role in organisation or community	Drainage Engineer
Role in championing SuDS	Delivery of high profile retrofit SUDs schemes and role as SuDs Approval Body in Cardiff

<p>Inspiring – how has this champion inspired others regarding SuDS?</p>	<p>Ian provides tours of the Grangetown site for local authorities with an emphasis on getting Engineers from highways and drainage to think creatively about SUDs retrofit. He works with utilities companies across the UK to explain how unique collaboration with Welsh Water on the Grangetown site could be applied elsewhere</p>
<p>Informing – how does this champion share good practice?</p>	<p>Ian works in a multidisciplinary manner and trains engineers in his team to adopt best practice in SUDs retrofit – sharing the experience for the benefit of future generations of practitioners. He bridges the public/private sector divide to demand innovation from suppliers and quality design from applications he assesses in his new role as SAB for Cardiff.</p>
<p>Influencing – how has this champion dealt with challenges and shared their enthusiasm about SuDS?</p>	<p>Ian presents to audiences UK and across Europe. He has been keynote at EU Interreg conferences and spoken at EUGIC 2019. He provides study tours of Grangetown, bespoke CPDs to engineers, landscape architects on request. The visuals he utilises and the charisma with which he relays his experience is infectious.</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

Ian rarely takes holiday, working extra hours attending conferences, providing training, sharing his experience, achieving a global reach through his enigmatic approach to what he terms ‘Green Engineering’. He brings together stakeholders to achieve quality designs for his area and encourages his counterparts to do likewise. His knowledge of design and engineering and of community engagement has been instrumental, enabling other local authorities to normalise SUDs retrofit.

I was overcome with emotion when visiting Grangetown. Speaking to residents of those retrofitted streets, they told me that they knew, speaking to Ian, somebody who cared about making SUDs community focused, rather than imposing design.