

susdrain SuDS Champion Nomination Form 2021



1. Nomination details

Name of nominated person	Bridget Woods Ballard	
Name of nominee's organisation or community	HR Wallingford	
Role of nominee in their organisation/community	Technical Director	
Role in championing SuDS	<p>Principle author of the SuDS Manual (2007 and 2015), principle author of the recommended updates to the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for SuDS (2021), advisor to the Welsh Government for the Welsh SuDS Standards (2018), principle trainer in SuDS design for HR Wallingford's classroom (2016 - 2020) and e-learning (2020-2021) courses, contributor to advisory groups and project steering groups for SuDS, supervisor for MSc dissertations related to SuDS (FaCE degree programme, HR Wallingford/Brunel University), technical expert for both research and consultancy projects related to SuDS</p>	
Experienced SuDS professional (worked with SuDS for more		Please indicate category
	Established	Yes/No

than 10 years) or 'rising star' (worked with SuDS for 10 years or fewer)	Rising star	Yes/No
Name and organisation of nominator	Sue Illman, Illman Young Landscape Design Limited	
Relationship of nominator to nominee	Collaborator and friend	

2. Please give us some bullet points to explain how your nominee inspires, informs and influences SuDS, with examples of SuDS delivery.

(Maximum 150 words total)

Inspire – how has your champion inspired others regarding SuDS?	Bridget is a (deceptively) quiet, but powerful public speaker, explaining technical issues simply and effectively. She is a frequent speaker at SuDS related events, including for CIRIA. She coaches and supervises junior staff in her company and she supervises BSc and MSc students undertaking dissertations in SuDS.
Inform – how does your champion share good practice?	Bridget’s knowledge base is extensive, enabling her to write, speak and teach thoughtfully and with clarity, to all, from government leaders to students. In addition to the above, she was the principal author of the SuDS Manual. She was the principal author of the recommended updated SuDS standards for England (just completed). She delivers HR Wallingford’s training courses in SuDS both in the UK and overseas (including China and their sponge cities). She acts as a peer reviewer of others CIRIA guidance and she often writes and presents papers on SuDS.
Influence – how has your champion dealt with challenges and shared their enthusiasm about SuDS?	Bridget never comes across as being daunted by (often) being the sole woman in a male-dominated engineering environment. She is an acknowledged authority, whose enthusiasm and extensive knowledge has won the respect of industry. She works with fellow SuDS experts in the industry to promote best practice by carrying out research, developing guidance, providing training, providing advice to UK governments, their agencies and other researchers, directly employed or via advisory groups.

Please submit this form to Louise Walker (louise.walker@ciria.org)

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