



## **susdrain SuDS Awards 2018 - Judging Guidelines**

### **Introduction**

susdrain is inviting entries to our first Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Awards.

SuDS are becoming an increasingly visible and functioning part of our landscapes. With increased implementation, comes increased acceptance and improvements to their design and construction. susdrain's inaugural SuDS Awards has been established to encourage high quality planning, design, construction and maintenance of sustainable drainage. The awards scheme will recognise how the industry is seeking to improve understanding and uptake of SuDS as well as showcasing the best SuDS that are being or have been implemented over recent years.

It is susdrain's ambition for the SuDS Awards to become an annual event intended to highlight and showcase outstanding and innovative SuDS that deliver multiple benefits beyond drainage alone.

Full award descriptions and assessment criteria for case studies are provided and for the judging panel to use when assessing submissions.

A judging review panel will be assigned to each category and they will assess the submitted case studies to select a winner from each category.. Highly commended schemes may be awarded at the judges' discretion and by exception. The winner of each category will then be put forward for the *Overall Winner* award.

Case studies submitted to susdrain over the last two years will be accepted, providing an opportunity for those submitting to update content. Those submitting case studies will also have an opportunity to nominate a *SuDS Champion* that will be celebrated as part of the competition. Organisations will be limited to two submissions per category.

### **Objectives:**

- To actively raise the profile of SuDS
- To generate and promote case studies
- To celebrate delivery of high quality multi-beneficial SuDS schemes
- To recognise organisations and individuals who champion and deliver SuDS

### **Outcomes:**

- Greater profile for SuDS
- Showcase good practice, and strengthening susdrain message through:
  - 25 new case studies received
  - 5 previously submitted case studies received
- A lively/engaging presentation/seminar featuring winners.

### **Award Categories:**

There are three susdrain SuDS Award categories, and a SuDS Champion. Winning submissions will be assessed and chosen from each category and awarded to projects that demonstrate functionality, additional and multiple benefits, and innovation in the categories below:

- Retrofit SuDS
- New-build small scale SuDS (ess than 10 properties / <1.0 hectare)susdrain
- New build larger scale, collective SuDS (10 plus properties > 1.0 hectares)
- susdrain SuDS Champion Award 2018
- susdrain Overall Winner 2018



The **Overall Winner** will be selected from the three project category award winners based on a combination of all criteria.

**Proposed timescale:**

- Release call for nominations **January 2018**
- Deadline for submissions **30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**
- Judging peer review panel meets/assesses **Mid May 2018**
- Shortlists announced **June 2018**
- Susdrain champion shortlist released for public vote **End May 2018**
- Awards presentation **18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (at City Hall, London)**

**Winners will receive:**

- Framed certificate and use of winner's logo
- Invitation to present at susdrain seminar
- Opportunities to present and network at other CIRIA / susdrain and their partner's events,
- Increased project, team and personal profile on susdrain website and through wider susdrain partner networks

**SuDS Champion**

The **susdrain SuDS Champion** is an award open for organisations to nominate an individual who has demonstrably gone over and above what was expected of them to deliver and encourage uptake of SuDS. Nominated individuals may come from a wide variety of backgrounds, a SuDS practitioner, contractor, client, planner, a member of the local community or from another area entirely. The main point is that nominators must clearly demonstrate how their champion has enabled the delivery of SuDS through their knowledge, persistence, skill, and persuasion.

This award has been established in recognition of the fact that more often than not, SuDS often arise from the energy, commitment and enthusiasm of a single champion (whether a diplomat or maverick).

All shortlisted nominees will be put forward for a susdrain vote. Each shortlisted person will be informed before the shortlist is released. The winner will be announced at the susdrain seminar in July 2018.

**Information and entry submission**

For further information and to submit your entries please contact Suzanne Simmons ([Suzanne.simmons@ciria.org](mailto:Suzanne.simmons@ciria.org))

Good luck!



## Categories and criteria

<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Retrofit</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>SuDS projects that demonstrate effective management of runoff in an engaging way.</p> <p>Projects that use land wisely and maximise its function as a retrofit solution.</p> <p>Projects that integrate into a site where they may not have been considered at the outset.</p> <p>Projects that form part of either a series of interventions or a single, standalone scheme.</p> <p>Projects in either the public realm or on privately owned land.</p> <p>Projects that seize opportunities to demonstrate innovation and resource efficiencies.</p>
<b>Suggested criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The extent to which the project manages Water Quantity / run off</li> <li>– The extent to which the project improves Water Quality</li> <li>– The extent to which the project provides improvements on amenity</li> <li>– The extent to which the project delivers on biodiversity</li> <li>– The extent to which the project uses the overall SuDS design principles eg management train</li> <li>– Positive impact on the wider environment</li> <li>– Positive impact on the wider community</li> <li>– Level of Innovation applied to resolving design issues or overcoming physical challenges</li> <li>– Quality of supporting data both physical and anecdotal</li> <li>– Delivery of multiple benefits over and beyond drainage</li> <li>– The extent to which the scheme has been designed for ease of access, maintenance and replicability</li> <li>– Level of collaboration in design process</li> <li>– Cost effectiveness ie what the project achieved relative to its capital costs</li> </ul>

<b>Award Category</b>	<b>New build small scale ie less than 10 properties / &lt;1.0 hectare</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>New build SuDS projects that demonstrate effective and engaging management of runoff in an engaging way.</p> <p>Projects that use land efficiently and maximise its functionality through effective integration of SuDS within the wider landscape master plan.</p> <p>Projects that integrate into a site as part of the new build landscape master plan</p> <p>Projects can be either public realm or on privately owned land.</p> <p>Projects that seize opportunities to demonstrate innovation and resource efficiencies.</p> <p>Projects that form part of either a series of interventions or a single, standalone scheme.</p>
<b>Suggested criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The extent to which the project manages Water Quantity / runoff</li> <li>– The extent to which the project improves Water Quality</li> <li>– The extent to which the project provides improvements on amenity</li> <li>– The extent to which the project delivers on biodiversity</li> <li>– The extent to which the project uses the overall SuDS design principles eg</li> </ul>



	<p>management train</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Positive impact on the wider environment</li> <li>– Positive impact on the wider community</li> <li>– Level of Innovation applied to resolving design issues or overcoming physical challenges</li> <li>– Quality of supporting data both physical and anecdotal</li> <li>– Delivery of multiple benefits over and beyond drainage</li> <li>– Level of collaboration in design process</li> <li>– The extent to which the scheme has been designed for ease of access, maintenance and replicability</li> <li>– Cost effectiveness ie what the project achieved relative to its capital costs</li> </ul>
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<b>Award Category</b>	<b>New build larger scale, collective eg 10 plus properties &gt; 1.0 hectares</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>New build SuDS projects that demonstrate effective and engaging management of run off.</p> <p>Projects that use land efficiently and maximise its functionality through effective integration of SuDS within the wider landscape master plan.</p> <p>SuDS designs that are mindful of the wider catchment of an area beyond the development red line boundary.</p> <p>Projects can be either public realm or on privately owned land.</p> <p>Projects that seize opportunities to demonstrate innovation and resource efficiencies.</p>
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<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Overall Winner</b>
<b>Description</b>	The overall winner will be selected by the judging panel from each category's winning schemes. The scheme will be selected as having been assessed as best overall in



	relation to the main judging criteria below.
<b>Suggested criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The project that demonstrates greatest achievement in delivering SuDS across the pillars of water quality, water quantity, biodiversity and amenity</li> <li>– The project that goes the extra mile and can demonstrate benefits over and above the four pillars such as improvements to integrated Green Infrastructure</li> <li>– The extent to which the project offers lessons learnt and replicable ideas</li> <li>– The extent to which the ethos of SuDS has been carried through from inception through to the maintenance and management of a scheme.</li> <li>– The extent of collaboration with a range of professionals, through partnership working, and community engagement</li> </ul>

<b>Award Category</b>	<b>susdrain SuDS Champion Award</b>
<b>Description</b>	Those entering schemes to the susdrain Awards are invited to nominate one person who has demonstrably gone the extra mile to promote use of SuDS
<b>Suggested criteria</b>	<p><b>Key qualities for a susdrain SuDS Champion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Knowledgeable</b> Someone who understands the subject; who increases knowledge and awareness as they progress and is capable of sharing and disseminating that knowledge with others.</li> <li>– <b>Creative</b> Someone who is prepared to seek solutions when faced with challenges; who looks for opportunities and innovative ways to overcome hurdles</li> <li>– <b>Engaging</b> Someone who is inclusive; who communicates by listening as well as speaking</li> <li>– <b>Inspiring</b> Someone who can motivate others with integrity and courage</li> <li>– <b>Enthusiastic</b> Someone who can share their enthusiasm about SuDS with others; who can persevere and push to achieve positive outcomes on projects</li> </ul>