



National Planning

AWARDS

2011

entry requirements

The Irish Planning Institute is pleased to invite entries for the 7th Irish Planning Awards

The award categories are as follows:

- Category (A) Strategic and Local Plan Making Award
- Category (B) Innovative Planning Practices and Procedures Award
- Category (C) Participatory Planning Award
- Category (D) Student Planning Award
- Category (E) Place Making Award

The winning entry will have the opportunity to represent Ireland in the 10th European Urban & Regional Planning Achievement Awards to be held in Autumn 2012

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS: 17th June 2011

sustainable development **Design** participation **planning** concept
places public **realm** **people** community
plans & strategies nature & heritage **conservation**

further information on previous winners, nomination forms and entry requirements are available on the Irish Planning Institute website www.irishplanninginstitute.ie

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Purpose of the Awards

The National Planning Awards seek to illustrate the diversity and wide scope of planning activity today, and give recognition to successful and innovative planning strategies, schemes or developments, which make an outstanding contribution to the quality of life in urban and rural parts of Ireland. The Irish Planning Institute presents a number of awards aimed at highlighting the best examples of planning practice during the previous years and to raise the standard of townscape design and planning awareness both within the public and private sectors.

The Aims of the Awards are to:

Demonstrate to the general public and to the planning profession in particular, successful and innovative planning projects and developments through which the quality of life of the general public is enhanced and improved, socially, economically and environmentally.

- Promote create and enhance conditions favourable to the promotion of sustainable development.
- Illustrate the diversity and wide scope of planning activity today: in regeneration of urban and other areas, economics and leisure, transport and traffic management, as well as promoting economic and social cohesion and enhancing cultural identity.
- Demonstrate clearly the advantages of the participatory planning process, facilitated and enabled by professional planners, showing how the co-operation between and the direct participation of stakeholders, local authorities, development agencies and interested public can have a synergistic effect of benefit to the whole planning process.
- The scope of the subjects to be considered for the awards embraces published plans and studies, projects involving community participation, and significant physical development, either at a trans-national, national, trans-regional, regional or at a local scale. The themes or topics are freely chosen, they do not have to be considered of "national relevance" to be submitted.

Nomination Categories

There are five different Nomination categories. Any plan, project, program, tool, process, or report entered must have been published, implemented, or completed within two years of the nomination deadline and can be entered into one or more category.

A. Strategic and Local Plan Making Award

For a comprehensive or general plan that advances the science and art of planning, there are three separate divisions and nominations can be lodged under three separate headings. Local authorities are particularly encouraged to enter this category.

Regional and City Areas - major schemes and regeneration in larger urban areas

Local Regeneration and Renewal - physical and community regeneration of towns and neighbourhoods

Rural Areas and the Natural Environment - all aspects of planning in rural areas from development guidance to village regeneration and the protection and enhancement of the natural environment

B. Innovative Planning Practices and Procedures Award

For a specific planning tool, practice, program, project, or process that is a significant advancement to specific elements of planning. This category emphasises results and demonstrates how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices helped to implement a plan or advanced planning considerations.

Examples: Regulations and codes, growth management or design guidelines, land acquisition efforts, public/private partnerships, partnering of different public sector entities to drive a plan/project forward; applications of technology, handbooks, or efforts that foster greater participation in community planning.

C. Participatory Planning Award

The Community Participatory Planning Award gives recognition to community and voluntary groups who have participated in / co-ordinated / or prepared their own planning strategy, scheme or development and which has made an outstanding contribution to the quality of life in the physical and social environment, in urban and / or rural Ireland. The scope of the projects considered for the award includes published plans/studies and projects which have been project managed / prepared

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by the community. The project must demonstrate how public participation has been effective in changing outcomes.

D. Student Planning Award

The Student Planning Award recognises outstanding projects or papers by a student or group of students. Each planning school can nominate up to two papers or projects for award consideration.

E. Place Making Award

An award will be made for a project, building or group of buildings that, as a direct result of the effort and specific planning input, demonstrates improved quality of life for the community and demonstrates significant benefits outside of the site itself. Emphasis is on how creative housing, economic development, and private investments have been used to improve quality of life, provide employment and / or services in an area, using best conservation, urban design and planning practices.

Assessment Criteria

To evaluate the nominations a panel of qualified judges representing the planning profession will be nominated by the Irish Planning Institute. This panel will take into account one or several of the following criteria:

- the originality and innovation of the achievement or approach;
- the quality of the professional work involved in design; in the development of planning concepts; or in the application of planning techniques; or in the design and application of the decision making process;
- the application of the principles of sustainable development, for the enhancement of the environment and any recognisable social and economic benefit;
- the extent to which the scheme may serve as a reference for other work elsewhere or as a base for the development of further related schemes;
- the role played by the planner as enabler or co-ordinator and the demonstration of the added value brought to the project through the involvement of the planners;

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- the extent to which the project promoted / incorporated green technologies; and
- the extent of public participation and its effectiveness in changing outcomes.

Entry Requirements

The submitted study, scheme or development must have been published, approved or completed within two years of the closing date of nomination.

Nominations should be submitted in soft copy and electronic format and accompanied by:

- i. A detailed written description of the entry. The detailed written description should include a citation addressing the following issues:
 - Why the project is considered outstanding;
 - Clearly identify the input of the planner and demonstrate the added value brought to the project through the involvement of planners;
 - Demonstrate the benefits of the project not only to a specific site or area but also where there were benefits to a wider area;
 - In the case of public participation clearly demonstrate the results it achieved and the effectiveness of the process/procedures in changing outcomes (before and after scenarios).
 - The description must be no longer than four A4 pages including the title, tables and references. Papers must be in DOC format (Microsoft Word document) using Times New Roman 12pt type for headings and titles and Times New Roman 11pt for type all other text. Please do not use headers or footers in the paper. The top, left, right and bottom margins should all be set to 1 inch (2.5 cm).
- ii. A named contact of the planners - the team or the team leader - actually responsible for the planning input into the selected project, a named contact of the local authority, agency or company which financed the work and the name of the project manager within that authority or agency where relevant.
- iii. Completed official nomination form.
- iv. Payment of the entry fee by means of cheque or bank draft, where required.

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- v. Nominations must be both emailed electronically and submitted in soft copy. The electronic nominations must not exceed 3MB and must be emailed to planningawards@irishplanninginstitute.ie no later than 3.00pm on June 17th 2011.

All student nominations sent should use the **official student nomination form** available on the Irish Planning Institute website including:

- A citation as to why the nominated project is considered outstanding by the Planning School and thus worthy of recognition at national level.
- A named contact at the Planning School responsible for the selection and who will give objective answers to any professional questions about the nominated project.

Assessment Procedure

Nominations shall be shortlisted on the basis of information submitted. The number of nominations to be shortlisted shall be dependant on the number and quality of nominations received for any one category. In the event that nominations for any one category are adjudicated and deemed not to satisfy the assessment criteria, there shall be no shortlist for that category and as a result no planning award shall be made. It may also be adjudicated that no planning award is made for a specific category but that certain nominations are commended.

Those nominees who are shortlisted shall be requested to submit the following additional information:

- i. Two A1 colour panels, providing clear explanation, detailed location and illustration of the project / scheme / practice / procedure
- ii. Four CD's containing an electronic version of: a) both panels complete, b) each individual picture, image, caption and logo used for the panels, c) the written description as indicated in (i) above. Further material (pictures, movies, promotional materials, etc) can also be included.

All short listed nominations shall be displayed at the Awards Ceremony and detailed in the Planning Awards Book, which shall be distributed following the event.

The Awards

- The Awards shall be made to the authority or body responsible for the commissioning or production of the scheme and to the professional planners involved.
- The National Planning Awards will be presented by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government at a ceremony in Dublin in February 2012 (date to be confirmed). This event achieved high media profile on the previous occasions and it is anticipated that the event will achieve similar coverage.
- The winners of the Awards have the opportunity to represent the Irish planning profession at the 10th European Urban and Regional Planning Achievement Awards to be held in Autumn 2012.
- The ownership of results of the Awards shall lie with the Irish Planning Institute and their publication shall be exclusively managed by the Irish Planning Institute.

Entry Fee

Each entry must be accompanied by payment of the entry fees. These vary according to the nomination category as follows:

Category (A) (B) and (E)	€100.00
Category (C) and (D)	No entry fee

All nominations must be emailed to planningawards@irishplanninginstitute.ie and must also be delivered in hard copy to arrive at the offices of the Irish Planning Institute, Floor 3, The Courtyard, 25 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1 no later than 3.00pm on June 17th 2011. The front of each envelope and package must be clearly marked '*National Planning Awards 2011 - 2012*'.

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Further Information

For further information about previous planning awards and to download relevant nomination forms please visit the Irish Planning Institute website at:
www.irishplanninginstitute.ie

Should you require clarification on an issue please contact Mary Hughes by email only at planningawards@irishplanninginstitute.ie

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