



Shortlist Announced for the 2019/2020 Irish Planning Awards

Celebrating Excellence and Innovation in Irish Planning

Awards to be presented at Gala Awards Dinner – The Westin Hotel Dublin 27 February 2020

The Irish Planning Institute have confirmed the shortlisted projects for the Irish Planning Awards.

The Irish Planning Institute seeks, through the Irish Planning Awards, to highlight innovation and excellence in Irish planning. The Awards acknowledge a diverse range of projects and plans nationally taking place at a local, county and regional level in complex and dynamic environments. There has been a significant increase in the quantity and quality of projects submitted for consideration. In total, the Panel of Judges have shortlisted 34 projects across 7 categories from a total entry of 56 projects.

Speaking following the completion of the shortlisting process, Irish Planning Institute President Joe Corr noted *“The calibre and quantity of projects submitted to the Irish Planning Awards has greatly improved this year, reflecting the output of the Planning Sector across the country. We feel these shortlisted projects clearly demonstrate the advantages of the participatory planning process, facilitated and enabled by professional planners. The shortlisted projects show how the cooperation and direct participation of stakeholders can have a synergistic effect of benefit to the whole planning process.”*

Mr Corr further noted the strong interest in two new categories. *“Climate Change was introduced this year as an Award category and recognises the necessity to link planning and climate action for climate change to be effectively addressed. The Planning Workplace of the Year recognises employers of planners who demonstrate excellence in customer service and business processes and who contribute to the industry and profession. Organisations shortlisted under this category have been particularly dynamic in assisting their employees with their professional development.”*

For 2020 Awards the Panel of Judges shortlisted the following organisations:

Plan Making

This category is for plans representing the best of the art and science of spatial planning. This can include plans, projects, strategies etc. and the innovative use of technology in such plans.

- Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly *Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy*
- South Dublin County Council *Clonburris SDZ*
- Laois County Council *Port Laois 2040 and Beyond*
- Dublin City Council *Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan 2019*
- Tipperary County Council *Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages*

Participation and Engagement

This category is for plans, studies, strategies and projects which demonstrate how public participation has been effective in changing outcomes. It can include measures to increase engagement and awareness of planning or innovative public consultation

- Galway City Council *Galway Public Realm Strategy*
- Limerick City & County Council *Living Georgian City – A Strategy for Compact Growth*
- Donegal County Council *Church Lane Heritage Regeneration Project Letterkenny*
- Laois County Council *Port Laois 2040 and Beyond*
- The Heritage Council *Thrive Not Survive – Dundalk Collaborative Town Centre Health Check*

Design

This category rewards the best in design from urban design or public realm plans to individual projects which respond to their context in an urban or rural setting.

- Laois County Council *Rejuvenation of Fitzmaurice Place*
- Sligo County Council *Sligo Public Realm Plan*
- Cairn *Marinella Rathgar*
- Galway City Council *Galway Public Realm Strategy*

- Laois County Council *Port Laois 2040 and Beyond*
- Dun Laoighaire Rathdown County Council *Cherrywood SDZ Town Centre Urban Form Development Framework*
- Ballymore *Dublin Landings*
- Leitrim County Council *Carrick on Shannon Public Realm Improvement Scheme*
- Tipperary County Council *Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages*

Planning and Economic Development Award

This category rewards planning projects that stimulate tourism or economic development

- Longford County Council *Longford Regeneration*
- Future Analytics *Rejuvenating Ireland's Small Towns*
- Limerick City and County Council *Living Georgian City – A Strategy for Compact Growth*
- Cork County Council *Muscraí Heritage*

Management and delivery

Recognition of management and delivery in planning. This category recognises both effective and innovative management and success in delivery in planning.

- Monaghan County Council *Clones Renewal Scheme*
- Dun Laoighaire Rathdown *Cherrywood Development Agency*
- Coillte *Dublin Mountains Conversion*
- Leitrim County Council *Carrick on Shannon Public Realm Strategy*
- Limerick City and County Council *Living Georgian City – A Strategy for Compact Growth*

Planning Workplace of the Year

Recognising the vital role Employers play in supporting planning professionals in their professional development, this category recognises Employers of Planners that have created a stimulating and supportive work environment and a real commitment to the welfare of their Planning Teams, resulting in high staff satisfaction levels and a well-motivated, ambitious and integrated planning workforce.

- An Bord Pleanála
- Dublin City Council
- John Spain & Associates

Climate Change

Climate Change is the greatest challenge facing the current generation and there is greater awareness now of the necessity to link planning and climate action if it is to be effectively addressed.

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| • Dublin City Council CARO | Climate Change Action Plan |
| • Eirgrid | Tomorrow's Energy Scenarios |
| • McCutcheon Halley | Lidl Ireland Rooftop Solar Installation |