

IRISH PLANNING AWARDS 2020 SHORTLISTED PROJECTS SELECTED

A total of 34 projects have been shortlisted across seven categories for the Irish Planning Awards 2020, with a strong level of interest in two new categories 'Climate Change' and 'Planning Workplace of the Year'.

There has been a significant increase in the quantity and quality of projects submitted for consideration, according to the Irish Planning Institute (IPI), following the judging panel's decision to shortlist 34 projects from a total number of 54 entries submitted. The winners will be announced at the IPI's Gala Awards ceremony on 27 February in Dublin's Westin Hotel.

IPI President Joe Corr noted: "The calibre and quantity of projects submitted has greatly improved this year, reflecting the output of the planning sector across the country. These shortlisted projects clearly demonstrate the advantages of the participatory planning process, facilitated and enabled by professional planners."

THE NEW CATEGORIES

He noted the strong level of interest in two new award categories. "Climate Change recognises the necessity to link planning and climate action for climate change to be effectively addressed. The second new category '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," he added.



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34 SHORTLISTED ENTRIES ACROSS SEVEN CATEGORIES

PLAN MAKING: This category recognises plans representing the best of the art and science of spatial planning, and may include plans, projects and strategies, 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 recognises plans, studies, strategies and projects which demonstrate how public participation has been effective in changing outcomes. It may 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 recognises 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: 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

MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY: This category recognises effective and innovative management and success in planning delivery, and will also consider the central and leadership role of the planner within multi-disciplinary teams, relationships with stakeholders, and the use of work processes, programmes and technologies for delivery.

- Monaghan County Council Clones Renewal Scheme
- Dun Laoighaire Rathdown: Cherrywood Development Agency
- Coillte: Dublin Mountains Conversion
- Leitrim County Council: Carrick-on-Shannon Public 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 development, this new category recognises those who 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: Potential projects/plans in this new category may include education, energy, transport, green infrastructure and flood resilience.

- Dublin City Council: CARO (Climate Change Action Plan)
- Eirgrid: Tomorrow's Energy Scenarios
- McCutcheon Halley: Lidl Ireland Rooftop Solar Installation

Across all seven categories, the scope of projects to be considered for the awards will include published plans and studies, projects involving community participation, and physical development, either at a trans-national, national, trans-regional, regional or at a local scale.



For further information and updates on the 2020 finalists visit www.ipi.ie/