

# ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR IRISH PLANNING AWARDS 2025

Entries are now open for the 2025 Irish Planning Awards to members of the professional planning industry for any project undertaken since January 2023 or completed within the last five years, at a local, county, regional and national level. *The closing date is Friday 30 May.*

The biennial awards, organised by the Irish Planning Institute, aim to promote excellence in the field of planning, encourage sustainable development, foster positive engagement between communities and projects, support economic development through thoughtful planning and honour projects that conserve historical buildings or create cultural venues.

According to IPI President Gavin Lawlor, “Similar to previous years, we look forward to receiving a broad range of submissions and entries, which demonstrate excellence in the planning profession.

“Thoughtful, innovative and sustainable planning is crucial for the sustainable development of our communities, regions and country. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Irish Planning Institute, and by recognising the very best work of our profession through these awards, the Institute hopes to inspire another generation of talented planners into our sector that will design and shape our society for the next 50 years.”



**IPI President Mary Mac Mahon presented the President’s Award for 2023 to Limerick City & County Council, pictured alongside Kieran O’Donnell TD, then Minister for Local Government and Planning (left) and council planners, directors and officials from Limerick.**

## AWARD CATEGORIES

The 2025 Irish Planning Awards, which are supported by FuturEnergy Ireland, Uisce Éireann and Wave Dynamics Acoustic Consultants, will recognise planning excellence across the following 12 categories:

- Plan Making
- Commercial Projects
- Urban Regeneration
- Heritage and Culture
- Climate Action
- Biodiversity
- Housing or Community
- Infrastructure
- Research and Innovation
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Planning Consultancy and In-House Planning Teams
- Planning Authorities

An overall President’s Award will be awarded to the standout winner across all categories. The awards are open to members of the professional planning industry for any project undertaken since January 2023 or completed within the last five years.

The closing date for entries is Friday 30 May. A panel of expert judges will shortlist entries this summer, before the awards ceremony takes place on Thursday 25 September at a black-tie gala dinner and ceremony in Clontarf Castle Hotel, Dublin.



Further details on the Irish Planning Awards 2025 and the individual award categories can be found within the IPI Events section on the Irish Planning Institute website [www.ipi.ie](http://www.ipi.ie)



Celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the IPI is an all-island professional body representing over 1,000 planners across the public and private sector, including those working in local authorities, academia, An Bord Pleanála, central government, regional assemblies, private practice consultancies, property developers and semi-state organisations.