

RIBA/LSC Further Education Design Excellence Awards 2009

It is an exciting time for Further Education in England. The Building Colleges for the Future investment programme is transforming colleges across the country. Innovative and creative capital projects are delivering state of the art facilities and a sustainable future for communities across the country. It is now time to celebrate this design excellence.

The RIBA Learning & Skills Client Forum, in partnership with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), invites submissions for our Further Education Design Excellence Awards 2009.

The deadline for entries:
5pm on Friday 9 January 2009.

1st prize:

A prize of £5,000 will go to the architect or architectural team that demonstrates excellence in design for achieving the most effective and innovative learning environment in a FE building.

2nd prize:

A prize of £2,000 will be awarded to the entry with exceptional points of special merit. The LSC and RIBA may consider awarding further citations and/or prizes for designs and developments of special merit.

Special prize

A prize of £2,000 will be awarded to the entry which best addresses the sustainability agenda with particular reference to factors such as improving energy efficiency and minimising the carbon footprint, minimising environmental impact in construction and demonstrating effective community use.

For more information please go to:
www.architecture.com or www.lsc.gov.uk

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Call for entries

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Leading learning and skills

Criteria

Bold – contemporary, distinctive style which fits well within its urban landscape and embodies a modern spirit of learning;

Enjoyable – inspirational, welcoming design that influences the behaviour and attitudes of both students and staff to help raise uptake and attainment;

Flexible – accommodates changing ways in which teaching and learning are delivered in flexible learning environments, incorporating innovative use of IT and flexible learning spaces as well as demonstrating how the college can better address the needs of local employers;

Inclusive – recognises the diverse nature of communities and community groups and their learning and support needs;

Innovative – a state-of-the-art learning environment for the 21st Century that brings a college's learning strategy to life by addressing innovations such as the new diplomas and specialisation;

Sustainable – demonstrating a commitment to energy efficiency, minimal environmental impact in construction and effective community use.

Eligibility

Entries must be in England (the area in which the Learning and Skills Council operates) and funded or part-funded by the LSC. The scheme is open to RIBA members. Entries must be designed by a RIBA member or by an architectural practice, one of whose full-time representatives is a RIBA member. There is no limit on the number of entries per practice. Entries must be for buildings completed and operational between 1 June 2006 and 30 September 2008.

How to enter

Please send a maximum of two A1 lightweight panels. The panels should include:

- A caption with the title of the building, when it was built and the cost/fees and the name of the client;
- A brief summary in 500 words outlining the client's vision, particular challenges, the architectural approach, planning and budget constraints, contract value, summary of timetable and how the project meets the judging criteria;
- Photographs: at least 6 good quality project images of the building in its setting with external/internal views. At least half of these should show the building in use with students. Photos should include the photographer's name on the back;
- CD with copy of images in jpeg format (300dpi). Please supply captions and the photographer's name in a text document accompany the CD;
- Drawings: location plan/site plans/floor plans/sections/elevation plans – reduced to A4.

Entry instructions

- Please complete the entry form;
- A Post-Occupancy Evaluation (POE) report will be required. Nb. If not available by deadline of 9 January 2009 – judges will accept a Pre-Occupancy evaluation report;
- Entries are accepted on the basis that written agreement has been made between entrant and client;
- Entries must be contained in a single package and should be sent, carriage paid, to Cläre Basel, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD. Please ensure the package is clearly marked 'Further Education Design Excellence Awards 2009' and should arrive no later than 5pm on 9 January 2009.

Building visits of shortlisted colleges will take place in February 2009.

Publicity

Submission of an entry will be taken to imply the granting of permission to publish all material of the successful schemes. Material relating to the winning entries will be retained for publicity and archive purposes.

The promoter will exercise all reasonable care but will not be responsible for loss or damage to drawings, which may occur either in transit or during exhibition, storage or packing. Entrants are advised to retain copies of the designs submitted. Panels will be returned upon request.

ENTRY FORM

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Form to be completed and attached in a sealed envelope at the back of the package. Please send to Cläre Basel, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD
Entry fee: £50+VAT per entry (payable to RIBA)

Name of organisation or individual submitting entry:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Name and full address of the scheme:

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Name of all collaborators/contractors involved in project (please add separate sheet if necessary):

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Brief description of the project including client vision/brief, architectural solution, how it meets the criteria:

Name of Client whose written permission for nomination has been obtained:

Client name _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel _____ Email _____

Date of project completion

Name + Telephone numbers of client/college for site viewing:

Declaration:

- I/we have complied with and accept the regulations and conditions which apply to this awards scheme
- I/we agree to accept the decision of the assessors as final and I/we agree to permit free publication and exhibition of my/our design.
- I/we declare that the design is my/our own work

Signature _____ Date _____

For any queries contact Cläre Basel on +44 (0)20 7580 5533, or email clare.basel@inst.riba.org

Visit our website at www.architecture.com to download the entry form and requirements.