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President Presents RIBA Awards at West Midlands Annual Dinner



RIBA President Sunand Prasad presented the 2007 RIBA Awards for architecture to four outstanding design projects from the West Midlands at the West Midlands Annual Dinner in October.

Winners were the RSC Courtyard Theatre in Stratford on Avon and Architype's offices in Hereford, which won both regional and national Awards, the Cold War Museum at RAF Cosford and Redbrook Hayes School in Rugeley.

Birmingham's newly refurbished Town Hall provided a stunning setting for the event and attracted praise from Sunand for the way in which it was bringing new life into the city centre.

"I see the RIBA's mission as creating the very best possible conditions for the creation of architecture that is fun and stimulating in our lives. Your Town Hall has enormous and amazing history and, following its refurbishment, has become a cherished part of Birmingham's heritage." he told 300 chartered architects and their guests, including the Deputy Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Birmingham.

Sunand Prasad was welcomed to the Awards Ceremony by Mary



Members of RIBA West Midlands Event Committee with Sunand Prasad, President RIBA; Maddy Dring, D5 Architects, Olly Brock, Brock Architects; Ian Tipton, SMC Corstorphine & Wright; Sunand Prasad; Mary King, Chair RIBA WM; Dhiran Vagdia, Chair Elect, RIBA WM

Architype Winner of 2007 RIBA Sustainability Award



Sunand Prasad, President RIBA; Mike Whitfield, Mike Whitfield Construction; Jonathan Hines, Architype; David Cutis, Duchy of Cornwall; Howard Meadowcroft, Architype; Mary King, Chair RIBA WM

King, Chair of RIBA West Midlands, who thanked the organising team, chaired by RIBA West Midlands Chair elect Dhiran Vagdia, for organising an event that surpassed anything that the region had organised in the past and said:

"This sets a marker for future RIBA events in the region and shows our determination to create a vibrant and forward looking region that can inspire and involve local architects and promote the importance of design in creating a vision for the future of the West Midlands".

Christmas & New Year

RIBA West Midlands would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Regional Office and Bookshop will close at 5pm on Friday 21 December 2007. The Regional Office reopens on Wednesday 3 January 2008. The RIBA Bookshop reopens on Thursday 4 January 2008 due to stocktaking.



Wanted! New Head for RIBA West Midlands

We are recruiting a new Head of Region to champion architecture in the West Midlands. Could this be the job for you? Or do you know just the person?

The support for the Annual Dinner and the quality of the RIBA Awards given in the West Midlands showed the strength of architecture in the region – and the success of the Regional Office in promoting it. But we want to do much more!

We need someone who is inspired by architecture and keen to help make sure design excellence is at the heart of the vision for the West Midlands; who can take the message out to the public and other professionals; lead and inspire the small regional team and improve contact with members.

It is a role for an entrepreneur who relishes a fast changing and hands-on role and has the business management, promotional and communication skills vital to the job.

There will be plenty of opportunity for the person who has the skills, commitment and energy to make a real difference.

For further information and details of how to apply, please contact Liz Robertson, Director Regional Network, elizabeth.robertson@inst.riba.org

Membership Co-ordinator



Hello, I am Stacey Toth, I recently graduated from the University of Birmingham where I studied American and Canadian Studies, part of which involved spending a year in Toronto. I am looking forward to joining the RIBA team in the West Midlands in the new role of Membership Co-ordinator

RIBA Awards 2008 - Call for Entries

The RIBA is calling for entries for the 2008 RIBA Awards. They will follow the pattern newly laid down in 2007 of RIBA Awards which are judged and presented locally, with RIBA National Awards judged and presented nationally. The RIBA Stirling Prize shortlist of six is selected following further visits to winners of the RIBA National Awards and of RIBA European Awards for buildings in the rest of the EU. This year to qualify for Stirling the building must be by any RIBA member if it is in the UK or by a British-based practice if it is elsewhere in the European Union.

The Lubetkin Prize shortlist of three is drawn from winners of RIBA International Awards for buildings in the rest of the world.

Entries must be sent to the office of the nation or region in which the building is situated by 21 February 2008. Entry fees and criteria are as per last year. For full details please go to www.architecture.com or email awards@inst.riba.org

Birmingham School of Architecture Centenary Ball 2 August 2008 The Botanical Gardens

2008 sees the 100th birthday of the Birmingham School of Architecture! To celebrate the occasion we are hosting a series of events with the pinnacle being a reunion ball at the Botanical Gardens. Tickets will be available via our special Centenary website which will also register visitors in order to launch an Alumni Association. The web site will be live soon. To register your interest in purchasing advance tickets before the public launch

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