

Media Information
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RIBA Yorkshire Student Awards 2008
Exhibition at Leeds Metropolitan University 23 -27 June
Awards ceremony 26 June

The best talent coming from Yorkshire's architectural schools is about to be judged by a panel of industry leaders. Undergraduate and postgraduate work from architecture students at Leeds Metropolitan University, University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University and Huddersfield University will be displayed at Hepworth Point, Leeds Metropolitan University from 23 - 27 June 2008 and the work judged to be the best will be awarded at a ceremony to be held there on 26 June.

The RIBA Yorkshire Student Awards celebrate and reward the talent and excellence of the region's architecture students. The judging panel will be chaired by David Simister, Creative Director at international architects Aedas based in Leeds and also includes Sean Griffiths, director and co-founder of London based Fashion Architecture Taste (FAT) Ltd; Peter Beacock, programme director for the architecture programmes at Northumbria University; Ed Park, architect at Cartwright Pickard Architects in Leeds and Richard Waite, Senior Reporter and Northern correspondent of the Architects Journal.

There are two entry classes for the awards; Part 1 (undergraduate) and Part 2 (post-graduate). Each architecture school involved is asked to submit two Part 1 design projects and if they have a post-graduate course, two Part 2 design projects as well. Within each entry class three prizes are awarded - Bronze, Silver and Gold. There is also a Presentation Prize in each entry class to highlight the importance of good visual presentation in architecture.

Emma England, Regional Director of RIBA Yorkshire is committed to supporting the work of young architects. She commented "We are extremely lucky in Yorkshire to have four such well-respected architecture schools and I am looking forward to seeing what our next generation of practitioners will come up with. In any creative profession, but particularly in architecture, new ideas and fresh thinking are vital in dealing with a rapidly changing world and the issues that we face such as global warming and sustainability."

Sponsoring the Awards is the West Yorkshire Society of Architects and Bond Bryan Architects, Sheffield whose director Geoff Halliwell commented: "Bond Bryan Architects take extreme pride in being able to sponsor the student awards 2008. At our Sheffield Studios we are continually discovering a host of young, talented students from these local universities and we are keen to support their ongoing education and architectural development. Bond Bryan support a number of Part 1 and 2 students every year across our three studios. Through our established and well managed processes, we are able to offer these students a wide variety of exciting projects and relevant experience. We were keen to sponsor these awards to express our commitment to investing in the promising future architects from within our region."

The exhibition is open to the public from 10am to 9pm, Monday 23 June to Wednesday 25 June and on Friday 27 June.

Ends

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Editors Notes

- The Awards are open to schools with RIBA validated courses in the Yorkshire and Humber region, each has shortlisted projects from the students end of year shows, supplying details of the brief and the students who worked on it as well as a short statement as to why it was chosen. Entries are not judged in

competition with each other but on individual merit. All awards are given at the judges' discretion and the judges' decision is final.

- RIBA Yorkshire delivers the services of the Royal Institute of British Architects in the Yorkshire and Humber region. It also delivers a number of administrative and support services for the North East region. Its mission is to advance architecture by demonstrating benefit to society and promoting excellence in the profession.