



Image: Blackhouse, Colbost – Dualchas Architects (winner of Best New Building 2014).

Call for Entries

The Inverness Architectural Association (IAA) represents registered architects in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; a geographical area stretching from Shetland to Lochaber and from the Western Isles to Elgin.

The IAA Awards provide opportunities for architects, clients and members of the public to meet and exchange ideas.

To ease practicality, the chapter is considered through breaking it down to six more manageable areas as;

- Shetland and Orkney
- Caithness and Sutherland
- Skye and Lochalsh with Wester Ross and Lochaber
- Inverness and Easter Ross with Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey
- Moray
- The Western Isles

All short listed entries at these local levels will be displayed at the IAA convention in November 2016.

Part of the day's business at the convention will be to announce and present the Awards.

Eligibility

The IAA Awards seek to recognise and celebrate projects that express and enhance the identity and culture of the Highlands and Islands with the intention of promoting public interest and involvement in design throughout and beyond the region. Participation requires that the subject work was undertaken by an ARB registered architect or practice. Projects must have been completed between the Januaries of 2014 and 2016.

Submission Requirements

All entries must be received by 1st July 2016. In order to reduce the cost and time involved in preparing submissions, entries for the awards shall be submitted in electronic format only and may be submitted by emailing awards@highlandarchitects.org

Entries must include the following;

1. A maximum of 6 images in electronic format that best illustrate the design. These may be any combination of drawings, sketches or photographs. The file size of each image is to be limited to 3MB.

2. In JPEG format.
 - a) Location Plan
 - b) Practice Logo

3. One A4 page of explanatory text, maximum 300 words. This should highlight the key features of the submission that you wish to bring to the judges' attention.

Explanatory text shall be submitted electronically in a Microsoft Word format file (.doc). The file must not include any images.

4. A payment of £50 to the IAA Design Awards, Clydesdale Bank, Sort Code 82-65-18, Account Number 00598394 with your practice name entered as a reference.



Images, clockwise from top:
Ben Wyvis Primary School – Highland Council (winner of Best Use of Timber 2014);
Moray College UHI – JM Architects (winner of Best Project Over All 2014);
Millstones II – LDN Architects (winner of Small Project 2014).

Local Awards

The subject work must be sited and have been undertaken by a practice based inside the area covered by the IAA.

Categories

1 New building:

for any new building; regardless of type, size or budget

2 New life for existing buildings:

for projects involving refurbishment, conservation or extensions to existing buildings

3 Place-making:

for external spaces; such as those between buildings that marry them to context

4 Smaller project:

for projects with a budget of less than £175k or, within reason as regards floor area, under £1.75k per m²



Open Awards

The subject work must be situated inside the area covered by the IAA, but its architect need not.

Categories

5 Best use of timber:

for the imaginative use of timber in construction

6 Best project over all:

this will come from any of the categories above, at the discretion of the judges, or through a specific entry to Category 6

Images, clockwise from top:
Knockando Wool Mill – LDN Architects (winner of New Life for Existing Buildings 2014);
Blackhouse, Colbost – Dualchas Architects (winner of Best New Building 2014);
Happyhansel Primary School, Walls – Redman and Sutherland (winner of Placemaking 2014).



Image: Moray College UHI – JM Architects (winner of Best Project Over All 2014).

Judging

Each area will have its own judging panel which will review all submitted works and, then and where practicable, visit those deemed to be in contention. When all projects have been visited, a meeting will be convened at which all commendations and winners will be decided. The judging panel for this will be made up from one member of each of the six smaller areas plus the Vice President of the IAA.

All judging decisions shall be final and no correspondence entered into.

Shortlisted Projects

Entrants with projects shortlisted for an award shall be notified and arrangements shall be made for site visits by the judges. To maintain consistency across the awards the IAA will collate exhibition material from the electronic submissions. If necessary, further information will be requested.

The Awards Ceremony

This shall be held at the IAA biennial convention at Eden Court Theatre, Inverness on Friday 4th November 2016. The commendations or winners of each award shall be announced as part of the day-time proceedings. Sponsors, clients, judges, guests and local and national media will be invited to attend. The awards shall be publicised and sponsors acknowledged in the press.

The IAA is pleased to acknowledge the help and assistance received from our project partners in the delivery of the Awards.

