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We are pleased to announce that following on from 2016's highly successful ceremony at the Metropole Hotel in Leeds, the RISE awards are back for another year highlighting and rewarding the most pioneering initiatives in **Research**, **Innovation**, **Sustainability** and **Enterprise**. Hosted by Leeds Sustainability Institute at Leeds Beckett University we are inviting applications now for new and innovative products, technologies, processes, projects and schemes. **If it challenges the status quo, we want to hear about it!**

Across the built environment, talented groups and individuals are shaping the future of construction through extensive innovation, research and development. Our awards have been devised to recognise that contribution; bringing together academic, industry, third sector and community groups together in a unique celebration of all those who are helping to change the way we build for the future. **Celebrating diversity and the unique skills, knowledge and perspectives different groups bring to the field is at the heart of the RISE awards.**

Completely **FREE** to enter, submissions are encouraged across 14 different categories. With awards for industry leaders in energy efficiency, BIM, social value, research and more up for grabs we are sure there is a category for you! Previous winners have come from a vast array of environments, specialisms, companies and backgrounds – **what matters to us is that entrants display the passion and dedication to do things better, pushing our industry forward and driving up standards.**

The closing date for all entries is **Tuesday 29th August 2017** with the winners being revealed on 14th September at a prestigious gala presentation evening at the Met Hotel in Leeds.

The evening itself will be the perfect opportunity for you to showcase your initiative amongst your peers, maximising your exposure and bringing your expertise to a new audience. Our vision is that as well as celebrating achievement, the RISE awards will be a breeding ground for future successful industry, academic and third sector collaborations. There will be plenty of opportunities for entrants to have ongoing engagement with Leeds Sustainability Institute and the wider University community beyond the awards.



HOW TO ENTER

Entries can be made for a project, process, product or a service. In order to enter please produce an A2 sized poster outlining your product, process, project or service which addresses one or more of the category themes detailed below. Your poster should include text, images and where possible facts and figures that will provide the judges with tangible evidence of performance & outcomes against your strategic aims.

Key Points you will need to address in your submissions

- **What need did the product, process, project or service fill?**
- **Why is it different/special/unique?**
- **What challenges were faced and how were they overcome?**
- **What did it achieve? What are the current and future benefits?**

CATEGORIES

For 2017 we have 14 different categories available for you to make your submission against. You can make as many submissions as you want and the same project/product or case study can be submitted into more than one category. Please indicate which categories you are applying for on submission.

Award	Category	Descriptions / Entry Requirements / Examples
1	Field and Laboratory Research	Entries could include Whole building performance, Domestic (New Build and Retrofit), Commercial, Industrial and Non-Domestic (New build and Retrofit), Engineered and System Build, Advanced Buildings and Structures, Passive, Net zero and Energy Plus Developments, Building Services and Energy Management Systems
2	Product and Element Interface	Entries could include Product Research Design and Development, Advanced Wall, Floor, Roof Solutions, Advanced Junctions and Interfaces, Advance Doors, Windows and Features, Integrated Solutions within Whole Buildings
3	Design, Innovation and Creativity	Entries could include Domestic /Commercial/Industrial Buildings, Creative and Innovative Facades, Building Products, Engineered Solutions and Products, Advanced/Affordable Building Designs
4	New Technologies	Entries could include Innovative use of Digital technologies (Building Information Modelling, simulation, visualisation, laser scanning e.t.c.), Green Energy Efficient Information and Communication Technology, Building Systems and Controls, Energy Analytics and Big Data, Advanced and Responsive Materials, Energy Monitoring
5	Sustainable Developments	Entries could include Energy Efficiency, Building Performance, Renewables, Energy Generation, Services and Building Systems, Building Materials and Processes, Wind, Solar, Hydro, Biomas, Geothermal and Energy
6	Heritage Award for Restoration/ Retrofit	Entries could include Restoration, Heritage construction and traditional building methods, Energy Efficiency, Planning for whole-life Sustainability
7	Behavioural Change	The judges are looking for change that creates a positive impact on the use of energy. Entries sought from initiatives aligned with the following headings; Positive Energy Behaviour Change, Socio-Technology for Energy Efficiency, Processes for Energy Efficiency, Social models, Structures and Developments for Energy Efficiency

8	Vision and Sustainability	The winner will be the organisation that maps and implements practice that will result in strategic change. The organisation will demonstrate exceptional vision and a clear commitment towards a sustainable future.
9	Social Value	The winner will be organisation that best demonstrates its ability to bring value and benefit to society.
10	Enterprise	The winner will be the project that best demonstrates a commitment to embedding enterprise, knowledge and understanding in the field.
11	Collaborative Working	The winner will be the project that best demonstrates teamwork through early involvement of stakeholders, cross team collaboration, strong communication (and tools used where applicable, e.g. BIM) and full team integration.
12	Education and Training	The winner will be organisation will be committed to and implementing education and training that underpins the development of knowledge and skills equipping the workforce and society for the future.
NEW FOR 2017 13	Fire and safety	Never before has the integrity of our buildings and their ability to withstand the impact of fire, explosions and resist the passage of smoke been so important. Products, processes and systems that contribute to more sustainable, resilient and safe buildings, both for retrofit and new build are sought. Innovative, new or existing products that demonstrate proven performance and restore confidence are essential. Equally systems that ensure evacuation to a place of safety for all occupants is something that is supported and required.
NEW FOR 2017 14	Health, Safety and Wellbeing	Though constant effort is made to improve standards, our industry remains one of the most dangerous in which to work. Processes and systems that improve health and safety are sought as well as innovation that enhances the quality of life of the construction worker. Where new ground has been broken with regard to the health and safety of the construction worker and professionals, evidence of this will be rewarded.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- All submissions must be made by **Tuesday 29th August 2017**.
- All submissions must include details of a primary company contact (name, address & telephone number to be supplied) for correspondence in relation to the entry.
- All submissions must include text, high resolution images and facts and figures where appropriate.
- All posters should be submitted electronically, via email to riseawards@leedsbeckett.ac.uk. You will receive an acknowledgement of your entry by return email. Please contact us on 0113 812 1902 if you have submitted an entry and NOT received email acknowledgement.
- There is no limit on entries. Companies can submit as many projects, products, processes or services as they like.
- A product, process, project or service can be submitted into more than one category. Please indicate the categories you are applying on entry.
- Any clients must be made aware in advance of any entries that refer to them.
- We regret that we cannot return any posters so please keep your own copies on file.
- The organisers reserve the right to feature / display submitted material in any editorial or promotional work related to the award scheme.
- All awards are made at the discretion of the judges and the LSI RISE award organisers.
- The judges reserve the right not to make an award in any particular category.
- The judges have authority to move entries in to different categories where appropriate. We will inform you if that is the case.

If you have any questions about the RISE awards please contact the LSI team on **0113 812 1902** or via email to riseawards@leedsbeckett.ac.uk



No Time limitations: For these awards there are no minimum requirements on when or where the initiative was designed, developed or implemented. Our only stipulation is that you have to be able to demonstrate ongoing positive impact today.

No Geographical limitations: Don't get us wrong, we are proud of our Yorkshire heritage but Leeds Sustainability Institute is an entity with a global reach that was founded on the principles of inclusivity and collaboration. With so much origination and invention going on around the world, we think it only right that our awards should reflect this.

No forms: For these awards we thought it was time to give our entrants the opportunity to use a little bit of imagination! All we are asking for by way of a submission is a one to two page poster using text, images and charts – let's see your creativity and let those visual presentation skills run wild!

A Good Mix of People: We've all been to awards ceremonies filled with our competitors. Now imagine if every person in the room was a potential partner instead of a rival. With our unique mix of private companies, government bodies, academics, researchers and community groups the possibilities for forging new business opportunities over a glass of wine are very real. So come and meet your new collaborators!

Relaxed and Informal: The beauty of our RISE Awards is in their simplicity. The awards themselves are an informal and intimate occasion where glitz is kept to a minimum and the focus solely on the promotion of entries and the people behind them. This coupled with knowledgeable hosting, great food and even better company makes the RISE awards the perfect forum to entertain your associates, show off a little and engage in lively conversation with a room full of professional experts.

Lifelong Connections: The Leeds Sustainability Institute is always looking for external partners for its world class research. With LSI members involved in judging, awarding and attending, this event is the perfect opportunity to show us what you are all about. Come along and talk to our team!

