

UK Awards Calendar 2026



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UK-Wide	RIBA Regional & National Awards	RIBA	December	Architecture, Housing, Heritage, Mixed-Use	Peers & Press	Essential (the architecture Oscars)	Architectural excellence; completed & occupied ≥1 yr; mandatory sustainability data (energy, water, carbon); post-occupancy evaluation required for Stirling Prize route. Having a post-occupancy evaluation might be beneficial. Strong images.	Stirling Prize is the ultimate UK architecture accolade. Regional judging first, then national. Projects in Scotland enter RIAS awards (which feed into RIBA nationals).
UK-Wide	Dezeen Awards	Dezeen	May	Architecture, Interiors, Design	Press & Global	High	Beautiful (aesthetic rigour & detailing), Innovative (original thinking), Beneficial (respect for users and planet). Published in Dezeen so high visibility.	International audience of 10m+. Massive press coverage. Strong for practices wanting global recognition.
UK-Wide	BCO Awards	British Council for Offices	December	Workplace, Mixed-Use	Clients & Developers	Essential (office)	Office quality, tenant wellbeing, flexibility, ESG performance. Must be ≥75% leased/occupied for ≥12 months. 10 photographs required.	The most credible workplace award. Clients and occupiers in the room. 'Best of the Best' national prize at Grosvenor House, London.
UK-Wide	Architecture Today Awards	AT	June	Workplace, Mixed-Use, Transport and Infrastructure, Education, Landscape Housing	Peers & Press	Medium	Judged on robustness and resilience (buildings built to last), biodiversity and natural capital, positive and lasting impact on people's daily lives, and strong contextual response. Projects must be completed. Judges place particular weight on long-term performance and community impact over aesthetic alone.	Strong peer credibility, winners published in Architecture Today's special awards issue and presented at the awards party. Well regarded by mid-to-large practices across all sectors. Good for practices wanting recognition outside the AJ/RIBA circuit
UK-Wide	AJ Architecture Awards	Architects' Journal	May	Architecture, Housing, Heritage, Mixed-Use	Peers & Press	High	UK projects only. 17+ categories spanning housing, culture, civic, workplace, health, heritage. All projects visited by judges.	Strong peer credibility. Winners published in AJ December issue. Good for practices of all sizes.
UK-Wide	WAF Awards	World Architecture Festival	May	Architecture, Interiors, andscape	Peers & Global	Medium	Completed buildings. Shortlisted architects present live to international jury. Wide categories from housing to infrastructure. Future Projects also eligible.	Global credibility. 2026 held in Fort Lauderdale, USA.
UK-Wide	RICS Awards	RICS	February	Architecture, Housing, Mixed-Use, Infrastructure	Clients & Developers	High	Built environment excellence; projects completed within last 3 years; community impact; sustainability across all asset classes. Regional heats feed into UK Grand Final. Free to enter.	Strong client and investor audience. Credible across built environment and property sectors.
UK-Wide	Housing Design Awards	Design for Homes / MHCLG	March	Housing	Clients & Developers	Essential (housing)	Design quality, placemaking, sustainability, planning. Both Completed (occupied) and Project (planning approved) categories. Minimum 3 units. Promoted in MHCLG Design PPG.	Government-endorsed. Strong credibility with housebuilders, housing associations and planners.

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UK-Wide	Planning & Placemaking Awards	Planning Resource / Haymarket	February	Placemaking, Housing, Mixed-Use	Clients & Developers	High	Excellence in planning and placemaking across 29 categories. Covers master-planning, housing delivery, regeneration, community engagement and sustainability.	Key for planning-focused practices and those working on large mixed-use or regeneration schemes.
UK-Wide	Civic Trust Awards	Civic Trust Awards CIC	July	Architecture, Heritage, Placemaking	Peers & Press	High	Positive community contribution; public visibility; completed projects. AABC Conservation Award for heritage projects. Europe's longest-running built environment awards (est. 1959).	Oldest built environment awards scheme in Europe. Independent and not-for-profit. Strong community and heritage credibility.
UK-Wide	BALI National Landscape Awards	British Association of Landscape Industries	June	Landscape	Peers & Clients	High (landscape only)	Landscaping design, construction, environmental performance. 25+ categories covering contractors, designers and suppliers.	Definitive landscape industry award. JW Marriott ceremony. Strong trade and client visibility.
UK-Wide	Landscape Institute Awards	Landscape Institute	May	Landscape, Placemaking	Peers	High (landscape only)	Landscape architecture excellence; environmental and community impact; innovation in practice. Categories span design, planning, science and management.	Professional body award – strong peer credibility for landscape architects.
UK-Wide	British Homes Awards	Haymarket Media	June	Housing	Clients & Developers	Medium	Architecture, interior design, build quality, landscaping, public realm. New categories: Social Value, Residential Garden Design, Public Realm & Placemaking.	28-year-old award. Strong housebuilder and developer audience. Good client entertainment event.
UK-Wide	MIPIIM Awards	RX / Reed Midem	December	Mixed-Use, Housing, Workplace	Clients & Global Investors	High	Holistic sustainability; ESG performance; community integration; user experience; economic contribution; architectural quality. International audience. Cannes ceremony in March.	International investor and developer audience. Strong if your client has global ambitions.
UK-Wide	Mix Interiors Awards	Mix Interiors	March	Interiors, Workplace	Peers & Clients	Medium (interiors)	Commercial interior design excellence across workplace, hospitality, retail, leisure, living. UK and Europe eligible. Projects must be completed within preceding 12 months.	Leading commercial interiors award. Strong for workplace and hospitality specialists.
UK-Wide	WA100	Building Design	October	Architecture	Peers & Press	Medium (League Table Large Practices)	Rankings of world's largest architecture practices by fee income. Survey looking at fees, number of architects, outlook, etc.. Global practice scale required.	Benchmarking tool rather than competitive award. Useful for large practices demonstrating global scale.

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UK-Wide	AJ100	Architects' Journal	January	Architecture	Peers & Press	Essential (League Table)	Annual survey of UK's largest architecture practices. Based on fee income, staff numbers, sector spread. Published in AJ.	UK equivalent of WA100. Benchmarking credibility for mid-to-large practices.
UK-Wide	BD Architect of the Year	Building Design	May	Architecture	Peers & Press	Medium	Different categories but all look at design excellence, sustainability and community impact and contextual response. UK-based architects.	Strong PR value for practices wanting to showcase emerging talent.
UK-Wide	Pineapples Awards	The Developer	November	Mixed-Use, Work-place, Housing	Clients & Developers	Medium	Property development excellence, sustainability, community impact, innovation. Focuses on the real estate and development industry.	Well-attended property sector event. Good for developer-facing practices.
UK-Wide	Building Awards	Building Magazine	June	Architecture, Mixed-Use, Infra-structure	Clients & Contractors	High	Construction and project delivery excellence, design quality, sustainability. Broad categories across sectors. Strong contractor and client audience.	One of the construction industry's most attended ceremonies. Good cross-sector visibility.
UK-Wide	Inside Housing Development Awards	Inside Housing	July	Housing	Clients & Developers	High	Social and affordable housing development quality, design, placemaking, innovation in delivery and tenure. Strong focus on housing associations and registered providers.	Essential for practices working in affordable and social housing sectors.
UK-Wide	Love to Rent Awards	BPF / Property Week	June	BTR Housing	Clients & Developers	Medium (Rental Housing)	BTR scheme design, resident experience, management innovation, sustainability. Covers single-family housing, co-living and PBSA. Fast-growing sector award.	Essential if your practice works with institutional BTR investors.
UK-Wide	What House? Awards	What House?	July	Housing	Press & Consumers	Medium (Housing)	Best private housing developments. Design quality, value, sustainability, interior specification. Categories include Best Development, Best House, Best Apartment, Best Regeneration.	Consumer press visibility. Useful for housebuilder clients targeting private buyers.
UK-Wide	AJ Small Projects	Architects' Journal	February	Architecture	Peers & Press	Medium (Small projects)	UK projects only, contract value £399,000 or under. All building types – extensions, pavilions, studios, community buildings. 300-word citation plus drawings.	Champion of inventive, tight-budget architecture. 170+ entries in 2026. Shortlisted published in AJ. Brilliant for smaller practices and emerging talent.

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UK-Wide	AJ Retrofit & Reuse Awards	Architects' Journal	February	Architecture, Heritage	Peers & Press	Medium (Retrofit)	Physical and environmental adaptation of buildings; material reuse. 15 categories including conversion, community retrofit, mixed-use reuse and 'Retrofit Revisited' (≥5 yrs old). UK only, buildings completed.	Growing fast as retrofit becomes central to practice. Ceremony at The Troxy, London. Winners announced 24 September 2026. Excellent profile for sustainability-focused practices.
UK-Wide	RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence	Royal Town Planning Institute	March	Placemaking, Housing, Mixed-Use	Clients & Developers	High	16 award categories: planning for homes, places, transport and environment. Plus Young Planner of the Year. Projects completed. R	49-year-old award. Essential for practices with strong planning teams or working on masterplanning and housing delivery.
UK-Wide	Brick Awards	Brick Development Association (BDA)	June	Architecture, Housing, Mixed-Use	Peers & Clients	Medium	Excellence in clay brick architecture across 19 categories. Projects completed within last 2 years. Open to architects, specialist contractors and developers.	UK's longest-running architecture materials award (est. 1976). Strong for practices committed to masonry and craft detailing.
UK-Wide	Housebuilder Awards	HBF	May	Housing	Clients & Developers	Medium (Housing)	Excellence in housebuilding: best design, build quality, sustainability, customer service and product innovation. Open to developers, housing associations and their supply chain teams.	Strong for developer clients in the volume housebuilding sector. Can only be entered by developers/clients.
UK-Wide	Europa Nostra / European Heritage Awards	Europa Nostra / European Commission	September	Heritage	Peers & Press	Medium (Heritage)	5 categories: Conservation & Adaptive Reuse; Research; Education, Training & Skills; Citizens' Engagement & Awareness-raising; Heritage Champions. Best practices in protection, conservation and promotion of cultural heritage across Europe.	Europe's most prestigious heritage award (est. 2002). Grand Prix winners receive €10,000. Essential for practices doing exemplary conservation or adaptive reuse work.
UK-Wide	Building Top 150 Consultants (incl. Top 50 Architects)	Building Magazine	June	Architecture, Construction, Engineering	Clients & Developers	High	Annual survey-based league table ranking ~250 UK professional services firms by fee turnover. Includes separate Top 50 sub-tables for Architects, Engineers, Project Managers and Surveyors (ranked by chartered staff). Firms must submit data via the annual survey form.	Opt-in survey published in print and online each autumn. Distinct from AJ100: read by contractors, developers and clients via Building Magazine. Appearing in Top 50 Architects sub-table is a meaningful benchmark for mid-sized and growing practices.
UK-Wide	W Awards	Architects' Journal	April	Architecture	Peers & Press	Medium (Diversity)	Three prizes: MJ Long Prize for Excellence in Practice (UK-based female/non-binary architects as project architect on a building completed within past 2 years); Moira Gemmill Prize for Emerging Architecture (female/non-binary practice founders under 45, worldwide); Prize for Research in Gender and Architecture. Free to enter, self-nomination or third-party nomination accepted.	Celebrates exemplary work by women and non-binary practitioners. Shortlisted practices featured in both the AJ and the Architectural Review. Important for practices committed to diversity, inclusion and gender equity in the profession.

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UK-Wide	British Construction & Infrastructure Awards (BCIA)	ICE / New Civil Engineer	May	Architecture, Infrastructure, Mixed-Use, Engineering, Construction	Clients & Contractors	Essential (Engineering/Construction)	24 categories spanning infrastructure, buildings and project impact. At the centre is the Sir John Armitage Prize for outstanding overall project performance – awarded to the project that goes above and beyond for end users and wider stakeholders. Judged by an independent panel of 100+ experts.	Now in its 39th year. Most prestigious project-based award for engineering and construction. Media coverage via New Civil Engineer.
UK-Wide	ACE Consultancy & Engineering Awards	ACE	June	Architecture, Infrastructure, Mixed-Use, Engineering, Construction	Clients & Developers & Peers	Essential (Engineering/Construction)	16 categories covering projects, people, sustainability and inclusion. New Kingdom Brunel Award for exceptional achievement across the sector. Covers apprentices, emerging talent, lifetime contributions and projects delivering commercial, social and environmental impact. Free to enter; open to all. ACE membership not required.	Re-launched for 2026 with new prestige and structure. Essential for engineering consultancies of all sizes wanting to demonstrate impact and attract talent.
UK-Wide	ICE Awards	Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)	December	Infrastructure, Architecture, Engineering, Construction	Peers	High	Multiple medals and prizes covering: Brunel Medal (decarbonising infrastructure, aligns with PAS 2080); water management; resilience and sustainability; individual excellence; emerging engineers. Regional ICE awards run in parallel with their own deadlines across 12 UK regions.	The ICE's own professional body awards. Strong peer credibility across civil and structural engineering. Brunel Medal particularly relevant for net zero-focused infrastructure teams. Regional awards (e.g. ICE London) run separately.
UK-Wide	Constructing Excellence Awards	Constructing Excellence	March	Architecture, Infrastructure, Mixed-Use, Construction	Clients & Contractors	High	Categories cover collaboration, innovation, sustainability, health & safety, client of the year, project of the year and modern methods of construction. Regional heats feed the national final. Winners of higher-value regional categories automatically progress to nationals.	Strong contractor, client and multi-disciplinary team audience. One of the most credible cross-sector built environment awards in the UK, respected by clients for demonstrating collaborative delivery and sustainable outcomes.
UK-Wide	NCE Graduate & Apprentice Awards	New Civil Engineer (NCE)	March	Infrastructure, Architecture, Engineering, Construction	Peers	Medium (Next Gen)	Celebrates the next generation of civil engineers. Categories for graduates, apprentices and technicians across structural, transport, water, environment and digital disciplines. Entries judged on technical excellence, innovation and contribution to the profession.	Strong peer and employer credibility for engineering practices wanting to showcase their talent pipeline and graduate development programme. Good for recruitment branding as well as awards strategy.

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UK-Wide	IStructE Structural Awards	IStructE	April	Architecture, Infrastructure, Engineering, Construction	Peers & Press	High	Judged on four key attributes: People, Planet, Process and Profession. Categories span buildings, bridges, infrastructure, retrofit, temporary structures and sustainability. Supreme Award for Structural Engineering Excellence awarded to the year's most outstanding example. Projects must be completed within the past ~2 years.	World's foremost celebration of structural engineering. Global entries accepted but strong UK presence. Essential for structural engineering teams within architecture and engineering practices. Winners gain coverage in The Structural Engineer magazine and strong peer recognition.
UK-Wide	CIBSE Awards	CIBSE	September	Architecture, Workplace, Mixed-Use, Engineering, Construction	Peers & Clients	High	The only industry awards that focus on actual, measured performance outcomes. Categories: Building Performance Consultancy (large/small), Collaborative Working, Low Carbon Performance, Facilities Management, Engineer of the Year, Embodied Carbon and more. Entries must include a full year of operational data.	Open to UK and international organisations. Essential for M&E, building services and sustainability engineering teams. Unique differentiator: judges require real performance data, not aspirational targets.
UK-Wide	Construction News Awards	Construction News	April	Architecture, Infrastructure, Mixed-Use, Engineering, Construction	Clients & Contractors	High	Celebrates outstanding projects, technical innovations and forward-thinking companies. Project categories require practical completion. Covers low-carbon projects, community engagement, health & safety excellence and major contractor performance. Judged by 70+ major clients and industry figures.	One of the most widely read construction trade awards. Strong contractor, developer and client audience.
Regional - London	City of London Building of the Year Award	WCCA	Spring	Architecture, Workplace, Mixed-Use	Peers & Press	Medium	Contribution to civic life of the City of London; response to heritage and conservation constraints; innovative design; high environmental standards. Shortlist drawn from City of London planning authority longlist.	No direct entry, nominated via City of London planning authority. Past winners include Bloomberg HQ and 21 Moorfields. Prestigious peer recognition for City commercial work.
Regional - London	NLA Awards	NLA	May	Architecture, Housing, Mixed-Use, Placemaking	Clients & Developers	Essential (London)	Equity, sustainability & prosperity; tangible community benefit backed by data; London projects. Judges look for measurable social impact and contribution to the city. Strong images. Very large developments don't tend to win.	Client-facing audience of 650+ at Guildhall. Strong developer and investor visibility. Essential if you work in London.

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Regional – London	Evening Standard New Homes Awards	Evening Standard	July	Housing	Press & Consumers	Medium	New residential development quality, design, value, sustainability. Consumer and press-facing. Strong for London and South East residential developers.	Consumer press visibility. Good for developer clients wanting London market exposure.
Regional – North	NW Regional Construction Awards (NWRCA)	Place North West / Constructing Excellence	April	Architecture, Mixed-Use, Infrastructure, Construction	Clients & Contractors	Medium	Construction excellence across the North West; social impact, sustainability and collaboration.	20th year in 2026. Covers architects, contractors and engineers. Good cross-sector regional visibility.
Regional – North	Insider North East Property Awards	Insider Media	February	Architecture, Mixed-Use, Housing	Clients & Developers	Medium	Commercial and residential property excellence across the North East. Architecture, development, construction and investment categories.	Good visibility for practices active in the North East.
Regional – North	Northern Design Awards	Northern Design Awards Ltd	October	Architecture, Interiors, Design	Peers & Clients	Medium	Open to architects, interior designers, developers, landscape designers and creatives based in the North (Midlands to Scotland). Submitted project can be anywhere.	Celebrates design excellence and elevates Northern voices on a national stage. Good for regional profile and client networking.
Regional – North	Northern Housing Awards	UK Business Events	February	Housing	Clients & Developers	Medium	23 categories covering affordable housing development, regeneration, retrofit, decarbonisation, digital transformation, resident support and landlord of the year. Covers Cheshire, Durham, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, Northumberland, North Wales, Tees Valley, Tyne & Wear, Yorkshire & Humber.	Focused on housing associations, local authorities and contractors rather than architects, but Best Affordable Housing Development and Regeneration Scheme categories are relevant for design teams.
Regional – Scotland	Herald Property Awards for Scotland	Newsquest Scotland	June	Housing, Mixed-Use, Heritage	Clients & Developers	High	Scottish property sector excellence across 18+ categories: development of year, affordable housing, renovation & conversion, regeneration, sustainability, and innovation in construction.	Long-running Scotland-specific property award. Black-tie ceremony in Glasgow. Good client and developer visibility across Scotland.
Regional – Scotland	RIAS Awards	Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland	January	Architecture, Housing, Heritage	Peers & Press	Essential (the architecture Oscars)	Best Scottish architecture across all sectors and scales. Occupied ≥1 yr. Winners eligible for RIBA Nationals and Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award.	Scotland's equivalent of RIBA Regional Awards. Gateway to RIBA Stirling Prize. Prestigious peer award. National press coverage.

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Regional – Scotland	Scotland Housing Awards (CIH Scotland)	Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Scotland	August	Housing	Clients & Developers	Medium	Recognises creativity, passion and innovation of housing organisations and individuals across Scotland. Categories span housing management, development, community engagement, sustainability and individual achievement. Open to housing associations, local authorities, developers and their partners.	Run by CIH Scotland, strong housing association and registered provider audience. Good for practices working in Scottish affordable and social housing.
Regional – Scotland	Scottish Design Awards	Carnyx Group	April	Housing, Architecture, Design, Interiors	Peers & Press	High	34 categories spanning architecture, interior design and graphic/brand design. Architecture judging focuses on sustainability, biodiversity, placemaking and quality of design process. Work must have a connection to Scotland.	29-year-old award. One of very few awards combining architecture and design disciplines. Strong peer credibility and good Glasgow-based client visibility.
Regional – Scotland	Homes for Scotland Awards	Homes for Scotland	February	Housing	Clients & Developers	High	Categories include: Best Development of the Year (large, medium, small), Affordable Development of the Year (large, medium, small), Home Builder of the Year (large, medium, small, affordable housing provider) and One to Watch. Entries submitted by member organisations of Homes for Scotland.	Around 900 senior Scottish housebuilding sector representatives attend – 'the date in the Scottish home building calendar'. Essential for practices working with Scottish housebuilders.

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