

FRIENDS OF INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS SCHEME AND AWARDS



About TET's Inspire Future Generations Awards

The built environment has a huge impact on our health and well-being, and our relationship with place is fundamental to our day-to-day cultural experience – shaping our sense of identity and our attitude to our environment and ourselves. Yet children and young people's voices are excluded from the urban design discourse.

Until recently there also hasn't been the will, capacity or capability with the professional sectors to change this narrative and create a fundamental step change. Thornton Education Trust's overall objective is to build that professional capacity and create more and better opportunities for children and YP to engage in and advocate for a better built environment.

'Children and adults alike often feel alienated and distanced from the decision-making processes that affect their environment and day-to-day lives,' Amica Dall, Assemble



A bottom-up approach to shaping buildings and places – centred on youth participation and co-design, and providing social value – can help to build the next generation of civic-minded, design-conscious people. This is still hampered by a lack of sharing knowledge and best practice across and beyond the architecture and built environment industries.

With your help, we can capacity build in this neglected area through our Friends of the 'Inspire Future Generations' Awards programme. Established in 2021, the awards identify and recognise the many incredible examples being developed and enacted by the built environment sector be they BE professionals, practitioners or educationalists.

Not only does the awards programme provide a showcase of the most outstanding examples, our Friends network provides a valuable like-minded professionals who meet in person and join our year-round online Dialogues, helping to create a roadmap of practical solutions.



Build Up's purpose is to empower young people to shape where they live and make decision-making in London's built environment representative of its communities.

What is the impact of the IFG Awards?

- demonstrate valuable skills, opportunities and knowledge to children and young people
- improve youth-led design approaches in general and identify areas of adaptability
- create a lasting impact on the design process and the communities involved
- inspire the creation of a future generation of placemakers
- identify excellent examples of social value and leaders in the field
- create an extraordinary resource from which organisations and individuals can draw inspiration and expertise.



At POoR we believe that we should always be supporting the youth and this award helps to further push this agenda. This is a genuinely meaningful initiative and we are greatly honoured to have received a commendation for our 'Bringing Home to the Unknown'.

Why become a Friend of IFG Awards?

Becoming an IFG Awards Friend would:

- Promote best practice in youth engagement in urban design and planning
- Share your innovation and leadership with your peers
- Demonstrate your social value commitment
- Opportunity to outline the development of your Social Value Plan
- Provide a platform to showcase and raise awareness of your brand through our social media campaign
- Demonstrate your commitment to improve architectural education through partnerships and direct engagement
- Offer access to a network of professionals

IFG Awards 2023 categories will include:

- Informal learning activity – eg. one-off activities/events/festivals for kids or young people
- Youth engagement programme – eg. longer term community projects that might involve a range of stakeholders
- Diversity in Action
- Accessing the Profession
- Collaborations with schools
- Social value
- IT/Gaming Project
- Capacity Building Programmes
- Mentoring
- Online resource
- Research
- Best organisations: Best Practice, Best Local Authority, Best Not for Profit, Best Real Estate – demonstrating considerable impact and excellent practice through one or more of their programmes
- Individual of the year – highlighting the outstanding contribution made by a particular practitioner



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BECOME A FRIEND

- Advance registration for our online community TET Dialogue panel discussions
- 'Friend' recognition online and publicity through our social media
- Additional advance opportunities to sponsor an awards category, such as the Social Value, Accessing the Profession or Diversity categories
- Invitations to the awards ceremony
- 20% off IFG Awards submission fee.

→ **£200 (organisations with 20 employees and under)**

→ **£500 (organisations with over 20 employees)**

