Lord Mayor’s Special Award

This year the Lord Mayor would like to recognise the success of Maggie’s Newcastle for both its external appearance as a building in a landscape setting and its approach to the internal spaces. The judges were unanimous in their praise of how the development has used space well on a compact site.

Peoples Choice Award

The general public were able to get involved in the Lord Mayor’s Design Awards 2013 by voting, via the internet, for their favourite scheme from all of the shortlisted entries. 1598 votes were cast over a four week period.

Congratulations go to the runners up: Bolam Coyne, The Beacon and Primark Newcastle. People’s Choice Award 2013: INTO Newcastle University

SUMMARY OF ENTRANTS BY PRACTICE :-

3D Reid
One Entry
One Commendation

Ainsworth Spark Associates
One Entry
One Commendation

Blake Hopkinson Architecture
Two Entries

Cullinan Studio
Two Entries
One Award
One Commendation

Dunwoodie Architects
One Entry
One Commendation

FeaulknerBrowns Architects
Two Entries
One Award
One Commendation

Ian Belsham Associates
Two Entries
One Commendation

Ian Simpson Architects
Two Entries

ID Partnership – Northern
Three Entries

MawsonKerr Architects
One Entry
One Award

Queensberry Design
Two Entries

RMJM
One Entry
One Award

Robinson Landscape Design
Three Entries

Ryder Architecture
Three Entries
Two Awards
One Commendation

Southern Green
One Entry
One Award

Summers Inman
Two Entries

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One Entry

Walker Associates
One Entry

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Lord Mayor
Margaret Wood
Newcastle Sixth Form College

Client: NCG
Architect: RMJM
Main Contractor: BAM Construction Ltd

The judges felt that the building had a strong, basic block mass and was well detailed. They praised the simple but effective use of brick, glazing, rainscreen cladding and copper-based gold metal panel. The building has livened up the corner of Westmorland Road. Internally, the judges were impressed by the good use of space, visibility through and out of the building, and the real feel of natural light within the building. The design allows the building to address the campus and the city with the main entrance on the campus side and a secondary entrance on the city side.

COMMENDED FINALISTS

INTO at Newcastle University

Client: INTO Newcastle LP
Architect: FaulknerBrowns Architects
Main Contractor: Balfour Beatty Construction Northern Limited

The judges commend the overall INTO development as a mini campus within the main university campus. They also felt that the development sent a good message on providing student accommodation on campus. The academic building is of a good scale with the existing buildings and has addressed the Edwardian and 1960’s campus buildings. There is good treatment of space and levels within the development. The judges praised the approach to privacy and outlook issues on the new Joseph Cowen building through the use of angled oriel windows.

The Beacon

Client: The Beacon Partnership
Architect: Ainsworth Spark Associates
Main Contractor: Surgo Construction Limited

The judges wanted to recognise how well the building works for the local community and meets their needs. The building provides for a range of activities including social events and start up commercial enterprise. The judges also praised the building as an excellent example of regeneration for this part of West Road, with a vibrant daytime and evening appearance.

Bolam Coyne

Client: Your Homes Newcastle
Architect: Ryder Architecture
Main Contractor: Wates Living Space

The judges felt that Bolam Coyne was a ‘little gem’ and a great addition to the city’s social housing stock. The works to the listed building have provided housing accommodation to meet current and future housing needs. The introduction of ‘front doors’ to each unit on the external elevation addresses one of the issues with the original design as well as giving a sense of identity and individuality for residents.

Dame Allan’s Junior School and Nursery

Client: Dame Allan’s Schools
Architect: Ian Belsham Associates
Main Contractor: Esh Build

The judges were impressed that the school had been constructed using the crushed building material of the building that formerly stood on the site. Renewable technologies included in the building are ground source heat pumps which heat the full ground floor and solar collectors which preheat domestic hot water.
Newcastle University Student Union
Client: Newcastle University
Architect: FaulknerBrowns Architects
Main Contractor: BAM Construct UK Limited

Following the refurbishment, the judges thought the internal spaces were unrecognisable. The refurbishment has brought the building into the 21st century and changed the perception of how the union building functions with a wider variety of spaces and facilities. The judges felt that the works to the building were good but that the key was the internal transformation.

Primark Newcastle
Client: Primark Stores Limited
Architect: 3D Reid
Main Contractor: John Sisk and Sons Ltd

The scheme was praised by the judges for the way it has strengthened the corner of the building and revitalised the street. The introduction of extensive glazing and cladding has transformed what was a very bland building. The introduction of lighting has given the building vibrancy during the day and night. The judges also felt there should be praise for the retention of the artwork which had previously been installed on the Northumberland Road elevation. Overall, the refurbishment has set a precedent for future refurbishments and new developments on Northumberland Street.

Roomzzz Apartment Hotel – Friar House
Client: CCL Group
Architect: MawsonKerr Architects
Main Contractor: Brims Construction

The judges gave praise to the design team for showing what can be achieved by working with rather than against the building. They were impressed by the retention of historic fabric, attention to detail and good use of conservation materials within the scheme, particularly in relation to the windows and internal features. They felt that an apartment hotel was a good use for the building and has resulted in a high quality grade II conversion. In general, the scheme is contributing to the uplift of this part of the city centre.

Bolam Coyne
Client: Your Homes Newcastle
Architect: Ryder Architecture
Main Contractor: Wates Living Space

The judges praised a conservation project which remained true to the original Byker principles whilst providing housing for the present day needs. The listed status of the building and the conservation work involved has ensured that the original principles have been taken forward in the works to the building, including materials and the Byker colour scheme. The project has transformed the derelict building which has now been removed from the Heritage at Risk register. The works to Bolam Coyne have kick-started improvements on the wider estate.

10 Mosley Street
Client: Bowson Developments
Architect: Dunwoodie Architects
Main Contractor: Pyeroy Group Ltd

The judges praised the works carried out to an unlisted building and thought the scheme was good practice in a conservation area. The upper floor residential refurbishments are a good use and sensitive to the building. The judges felt the scheme was a good example of bringing much neglected upper floors back into use in the city centre. In addition, the high quality shopfront has improved the appearance of the building on Mosley Street.
**Maggie’s Newcastle**

Client: Maggie’s
Architect: Cullinan Studio
Main Contractor: Mansell – A Balfour Beatty Brand

The judges had high praise for a very successful building in terms of architecture and use. The internal space is comforting and gentle with every space used to its full potential. The building works well as a design piece and the materials reference the local area. The overall development sees the building and landscaping working together as one.

**Northumbria University Nursery**

Client: Northumbria University
Architect: Ryder Architecture
Main Contractor: GB Building Solutions

The judges thought the building design was simple but very effective. There was praise for the layout of the building with the services at the rear mitigating the noise from the metro and motorway, and indoor and outdoor play to the front. The building is of simple design with economical use of materials. The sustainability of the building has also been considered, achieving a BREEAM very good rating with various features including a roof mounted PV array and green roof.

**Newcastle University Student Forum**

Client: Newcastle University
Architect: Southern Green Landscape Architects
Main Contractor: Technical Services, Newcastle City Council

The judges were impressed with a landscape scheme which has created a successful new open space within the centre of the campus. They felt that the area was now a fantastic space with good use of simple, effective materials and re-use of artwork. The judges also praised the removal of the previous building, the revealing of the Jubilee Tower of the Armstrong building and the opening up of the space overall.

**Maggie’s Newcastle**

Client: Maggie’s
Architect: Cullinan Studio
Main Contractor: Mansell – A Balfour Beatty Brand

The judges were impressed that both the building and the landscaping had been considered from the outset. The design has been successful in dealing with a compact site providing various outdoor spaces including a courtyard and roof garden. The landscape is integral to the way the building works, with views from within the building to the outside garden space. The landscape and the building work very well together as one.