



UIA Architecture & Children Golden Cubes Awards – Irish Nomination Process

A new International Award scheme has been developed to recognise initiatives that help children and young people to understand architecture and the built environment. There will be awards for 'Schools', 'Institutions', 'Written Media' and 'Audio-Visual Media'. The RIAI, as the professional body for architects in Ireland, announces the launch of the Irish Nomination Process and invites applications from individuals and organisations involved in architectural and built environment education for children.

The Award Process has two stages. First, each country organises a selection process and nominates one entry in each category for submission for the International Awards. Then an International Jury will evaluate the nominated entries and select one for each Award. The International Awards will be presented at the 24th Congress of the International Union of Architects (UIA) in Tokyo, September 2011.

The RIAI will be running the National Nomination Process for Ireland. Entrants are invited to make submissions describing initiatives aimed at teaching children and young people, from pre-school up to the age of eighteen, about architectural design and the processes which form our environment. Submissions can cover anything (book, article, film, radio or TV programme, website, game, course, event, teaching material . . .) produced at any time between 1 January 2007 and the Irish Nomination Process deadline of 17 January 2011.

We need to develop young people's awareness of architecture, the city and sustainable development, so that as adults they will be able to make their voices heard and influence the political, economic and social strategies which affect their environment. As Louise Cox, President of the UIA, says: "The creation of a humane and sustainable environment is a challenge that involves us all – architects, planners, politicians and communities. I am convinced that if everybody had more understanding of the processes by which our environment is shaped, our towns and our countryside would be better and happier places to live."

Awards Calendar:

17 January	2011	Deadline for submissions of Irish entries to the RIAI
April	2011	International Awards Jury and Announcement of the winners
September	2011	Awards Ceremony at UIA Congress, Tokyo, September 2011.

Awards Information

Information about the Irish Nomination Process can be found on the RIAI website www.riai.ie

The Awards Regulations, Entry Form, Template and Guidance for National Entrants can all be downloaded at: <http://uiabee.riai.ie/>.

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