

Projects

WAI is compatible with the Wood Marketing Federation mission

to promote wood as a renewable, sustainable and versatile natural material.

Wood Awards Ireland (WAI) promotes wood as a sustainable material in innovative construction and design.

Organised by the Wood Marketing Federation and supported by the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, WAI rewards Irish architects, engineers, designers and wood workers for creating work in Ireland and overseas, incorporating wood as an inherent medium in their projects with the emphasis on innovation and sustainability.

Submissions are accepted from practitioners throughout Ireland – north and south – who use and specify wood as a renewable building and design material.

The international dimension of the project is extremely important, as WAI is also open to Irish practitioners based overseas who complete projects for Irish and international markets.

Eligible projects must be completed during the period June 2011 to 30 June 2014. Organisers are allowing a wide time span for projects as this is an inaugural event.



Categories

Wood Awards Ireland

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Entries will be accepted under eight categories to be submitted by 31st July 2014.

Further details
www.wood.ie

1 Large-scale public buildings – open to public and commercial buildings, commissioned by public or private clients. Building projects such as schools and universities, hospitals, local government buildings, offices, hotels, restaurants, libraries and other buildings with public access will be accepted

2 Small-scale private buildings – to include privately funded projects for private or community clients. Open to residential properties either new build or extensions.

3 Restoration and conservation – open to public and private projects that emphasise the creative use of wood in conservation, restoration, renovation and repair.

4 Structural – entries accepted for structural projects including timber bridges, boardwalks, shelters, decking, staircases and other internal and external structural projects.

5 Furniture – projects will be accepted from designers, furniture makers and other woodworkers or collaborations between designers and makers. Entries accepted for:

- **Bespoke furniture** – to include one-off pieces.

- **Production furniture** – open to single or ensemble pieces, produced in commercial quantities.

6 Innovation and other – internal and external functional and non-functional works including:

- **Wood Local** – open to projects that source timber close to their enterprises providing employment and potential markets for timber in that area.
- **Wood innovate** – projects that explore new uses for wood in construction, design, renewable energy or other aspects of sustainable living.
- **Woodwork** – new and traditional wood usage and design including permanent or temporary works (garden, leisure buildings, playground features, craft, sculpture).

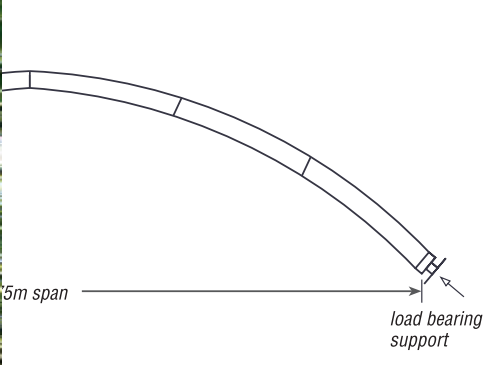
7 New entrants – aimed at start up businesses or enterprises where wood is a major element.

8 International wood award – for the best international project under any of the above categories.

WAI submissions

Entrants should complete the entry form (download www.wood.ie) including 300-350 word description of the project. This should be accompanied by €60 fee per entry, relevant drawings, illustrations and between three and six high quality photographs of the entry, (not less than 2,200KB (2.2 MB) per image accepted in PDF or JPEG). These may be produced in the catalogue of finalists published prior to the awards ceremony.

Entries and accompanying information by email (info@wood.ie) or post to the Wood Marketing Federation, Heatherbrook, Marlton Road, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow, Ireland by 31st July 2014.



Wood Awards IRELAND 2014

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Sustainability

2014 WAI dates

Closing date for entries: 31st July.

Shortlist: Compiled in August

Project inspection and conference calls: August-September.

Selection: 23rd September.

Prizewinners' announcement: 28th November at a gala event in Dublin (venue to be announced).

Sustainable timber sourcing and usage is a key element of the project with emphasis on energy efficiency. Timber used must be sourced in sustainably managed forests and conform to the EU Timber Regulation (No 995/2010).

The judging panel will create a shortlist based on entry description including photography and drawings. All shortlisted entrants will be visited by the judging panel comprising architects, engineers, designers and other relevant specialists.

Prizewinners will be announced on 28th November 2014 in Dublin. The judging panel will award an overall prize and may present awards for category winners and a special award for an international project.

Special Award by Michael Warren

Michael Warren has accepted the WMF and RIAI commission to create the 2014 WAI awards. Ireland's foremost sculptor, he has completed major installations in Ireland and overseas, mainly in wood, including France, Spain, Portugal, Japan, South Korea and Ecuador. His recent show *Those Who Go / Those Who Stay* at the Limerick City Gallery of Art was critically acclaimed. He has received numerous Irish and international awards including Honorary Membership of the RIAI in 2012.



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WAI acknowledges the best in Irish design using wood as a sustainable and renewable medium