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RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence for 2015 – Inviting entries

Entries for the fourteen projects, plans and people categories for the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Awards for Planning Excellence are now open. The Awards for Planning Excellence highlight exceptional examples of planning and celebrate the contribution that planners and planning make to society.

The premier awards for planning in the UK and Ireland, the RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence celebrate the positive contribution that planners and planning make to society and highlight exceptional examples of planning. 25 judges from across the profession will be participating this year. The deadline to submit entries is 30 January 2015.



Entering is a low cost, high impact way to highlight your achievements to potential clients, peers and stakeholders. Winning and shortlisted entries will be disseminated through the RTPI's website and other best practice resources. All winning and shortlisted entrants will have the choice of receiving an awards logo for use on their own promotional materials.

To view the categories and for more information on how to enter, please visit:

<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/events/awards/rtpi-awards-for-planning-excellence/>

RTPI Centenary Blogs: Read the latest Centenary Blog entries, including: [The economic value of planning](#) and [The Smith Commission: 10 principles for devolving power across and within the UK](#). New blogs are added every week, and if you would like to submit a blog, please contact the RTPI research team.

Call for Papers

Call for Papers - Regional Studies Association: The [RSA](#) will hold its [Annual Conference](#) in Piacenza, Italy, on 24-27 May 2015 on Global Growth Agendas: Regions, Institutions and Sustainability. The deadline for abstract submission is 30 January 2015.

Call for Papers – RC21 conference, Urbino: The [RC21 conference](#) will be hosted by the School of Social and Political Sciences at the Department of Economics, Society, and Politics at the University of Urbino Carlo Bo, Italy on 27-29 August 2015. The deadline for abstract submission is 31 January 2015.

Call for Papers – EUGEO 2015: The fifth [EUGEO Congress](#) on Convergences and Divergences of Geography in Europe will take place at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary on 30 August – 2 September 2015. The deadline for abstract submission is 31 January 2015.

Publications

RTPI Planning Horizons papers: The [Planning Horizons](#) papers take a long-term and global view of planning and the contribution it can make to challenges in the 21st Century. They were published during the RTPI's Centenary year in 2014. Since the last newsletter, two additional papers have been published:

The fourth paper in the series, [Creating Economically Successful Places](#), considers the major economic trends that will shape societies in the twenty-first century – from population change, globalisation and competition, to technological change and the increased scarcity of natural resources - and how planners can play a critical role in supporting sustainable economic growth.

The fifth paper in the series, [Making Better Decisions for Places](#), considers how governance structures in public and private spheres can seriously affect how effective planning is, and how policy-makers need to adopt a new approach to decision-making in order to respond to major challenges such as housing, transport and economic growth.

The first three papers in the series, [Thinking Spatially](#), [Future Proofing Society](#) and [Promoting Healthy Cities](#) are all available on the RTPI website.

Success and Innovation in Planning: Creating Public Value –Geoff Vigar, Paul Cowie and Patsy Healey (Newcastle University)

This research identifies innovation in the planning field – where people have tried to do things differently in a wide range of innovative ways. It illustrates how places can be transformed through planning intervention. Through considering a number of case studies it is possible to show how planning can make a difference to economies, environments and livelihoods, and to draw general lessons from these cases for planning policy and practice. [The final report](#) and [research briefing](#) are now available from this project.

Small Project Impact Research (SPIRe) Scheme 2015

For the RTPI's Small Project Impact Research (SPIRe) Scheme in 2015, we have invited proposals that contribute directly to our understanding of the 'value of planning', interpreted primarily as economic and financial value, while recognising the importance of broader social and environmental value. The SPIRe scheme is particularly intended to encourage high quality research projects that have the potential to impact on policy and practice, and to encourage closer collaboration between the RTPI and accredited planning schools. The deadline for applications has now passed, but further information on the selected projects will be published on the RTPI website in due course (www.rtpi.org.uk/spire). For background, in June 2014 the RTPI published The Value of Planning report by Professor David Adams, The University of Glasgow, and Professor Craig Watkins, The University of Sheffield, which can be found at: www.rtpi.org.uk/valueofplanning

Planning and the Case Study Method in Africa: The Planner in Dirty Shoes Edited By James Duminy, Jørgen Andreasen, Fred Lerise, Nancy Odendaal and Vanessa Watson

This book addresses the relevance of the case study research methodology for enhancing urban planning research and education in Africa and the global South. It is the outcome of a project operated by the Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS) from 2007 to 2011 to enhance case study research capacity amongst African planning students and academics. The editors and contributors argue that case study research can produce contextualised and empirical accounts of African urbanization and planning processes to challenge outdated assumptions underpinning urban planning education and practice in many parts of the continent. The volume features case studies and examples of innovative teaching practices from contexts including Uganda, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa.

Public Space and the Challenges of Urban Transformation in Europe - Edited by Ali Madanipour, Sabine Knierbein and Aglaée Degros

European cities are changing rapidly in part due to the process of de-industrialization, European integration and economic globalization. Within those cities public spaces are the meeting place of politics and culture, social and individual territories, instrumental and expressive concerns. This book investigates how European city authorities understand and deal with their public spaces, how this interacts with market forces, social norms and cultural expectations, whether and how this relates to the needs and experiences of their citizens, exploring new strategies and innovative practices for strengthening public spaces and urban culture.

ESPON Online MapFinder: The [ESPON Online MapFinder](#) has been extended with 60 additional maps. These maps are accompanied with an interpretation, description of the policy context and observations for policy.

Maps of most recent ESPON projects can be found such as ATLAS, ECR2, ET2050, GREECO, ITAN, TiPSE and TRACC. The maps and descriptions are meant to support the policy development in the field of territorial development, competitiveness and Cohesion and can be downloaded and used in all kind of publications.

Upcoming RTPI Events: Check out the [RTPI Events](#) webpage to find out more about upcoming events near you.

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