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**PRESS RELEASE:**

**INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS AWARD 2023 WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

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Announcing the winners of the 3rd annual Inspire Future Generations Awards initiated by Thornton Education Trust. These awards showcase exceptional efforts in youth and children engagement by architects and built environment professions, spotlighting individuals and organisations that go beyond mere tick-box commitments to produce meaningful participation and co-design.

This year's standout initiatives showcase remarkable strength in engaging young people within their local communities and new developments and integrating younger perspectives into local plans. A new theme in this year's awards is the significant role of mentoring in various projects, acknowledging the imperative to dismantle barriers and address inequalities within the industry.

The impact of these initiatives extends far beyond recognition, serving as a catalyst for positive change in shaping the built environment for years to come. These awards provide an unprecedented opportunity for this high level network of built environment professionals and enablers to come together and celebrate all their achievements.

*"Our shared built environment is constantly changing around us, before changing us in return. It is brilliant to recognise and reward projects which empower young voices to help shape their communities; In fact it is far too important to leave to older generations alone."* David Ogunmuyiwa, Founding Partner, ArchitectureDoingPlace, Mayor's Design Advocate

*"By Educating, Empowering & Inspiring the next generation, will only make for a better Creative and more inclusive, diverse society."* Neil Pinder, Founder HomeGrown+ and Trustee, Thornton Education Trust.

*"Creating more opportunities for young people to influence their local environment and participate in the development of their communities is absolutely necessary. The IFG Awards celebrate those who contribute to achieving this goal, ensuring our built environment authentically mirrors the needs, aspirations and values of its most important stakeholders – the next generation"* Victoria Thornton, Founder Thornton Education Trust

These projects form the basis of a unique resource for future projects and developments commissioned by public or private sector clients.

## **WINNERS 2023 - INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS AWARDS**

**School of Geography, University of Otago** Playing Planners / One off activity: Children Category

**WR-AP** Ham Close Regeneration Community Building /One off activity: Youth Category

**Catalytic Action** Kan Ya Makan Programme/ Long term programme: Children Category

**PLACED** PLACED Academy / Long term programme: Youth Category

**Enfield Council with Jan Kattein Architects** Clean Air Route / Education Collaborations Category

**Cement Fields** This Must Be Place Further/Higher Education Category

**Greater London Authority**

Design Future London / Online/IT Projects and Resources Category

**forty five degrees (Germany)**

The Studio: Reflections on youth engagement through design practice / research – Pedagogy or practice based Category

**Cement Fields, This Must Be Place / Community Engagement Category**

**Narrative Practice, Sessions / Diversity in Action Category**

**POoR Collective, Makers and Mentor / Mentoring Category**

**Allford Hall Monaghan Morris Architects / Social Value Category**  
**(Sponsored by the Centre for the Built Environment Trust)**

**YEP! Youth Engagement Planning USA / International Category**

**MOBIE / Best Established not of profit organisation Category**

**Make Space for Girls / Best Emerging not for profit Organisation Category**

**Greater Cambridge Shared Planning / Best Local Authority Category**

**Jan Kattein Architects / Best Built Environment Practice Category**

**Tom Davies (Greater Cambridge Shared Planning) / Joint Individual of the Year - Established Category**

**Shankari Raj, Architect (Design West) / Joint Individual of the Year Established Category**

**Christina Ergler (School of Geography, University of Otago) / Joint Individual of the Year Emerging Category**

**Clare Bond (Sarah Wigglesworth Architects) / Joint Individual of the Year Emerging Category**

## **COMMENDATIONS - INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS AWARDS**

**Beyond the Box CIC**, Euston Tower Creative Producer Project / One off activity:  
Youth Category

**Build The Way** (HUT Architecture) Build The Traineeship / Long term programme: Children category

**MATT+FIONA and Latimer**

Tending Colchester Borders Garden Community / Community Engagement Category

**Matter** Mentoring Future Generations / Mentoring Category

### **2023 Judges**

Sevra Davis FRSA, Director of Architecture, Design and Fashion, British Council

David Ogunmuyiwa, Founding Partner, ArchitectureDoingPlace, Mayor's Design Advocate

Neil Pinder FRIBA FRSA, Hon Professor Bartlett School of Architecture, Founder HomeGrown Plus,  
Graveney School, Trustee Thornton Education Trust

Sue Morgan FRSA, Director of Around the Block Ltd, Design Council Ambassador

Lara Kinneir, Design and Urban Futures - Associate Professor, The London Interdisciplinary School

Helen Santer, Chief Executive at Build Studios; Assistant Director at Lambeth Council

Simeon Shtebunaev, Urban Planner, Educator and Researcher, Youth Inclusion Consultant.

Lucy Bullivant PhD Hon FRIBA, Place/engagement strategist, Curatorial Director, Chair - Lambeth  
Design Review Panel

Julia Nicholls, Director Julia Nicholls Communications

Chardae Dacres-Hylton, Co-Founder of Next Generation Architecture

Duncan Ray, Founder & Managing Partner at Remarkable City

Victoria Thornton OBE HonFRIBA FRSA, Founder, Thornton Education Trust

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## **ABOUT INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS AWARDS**

These Awards established 3 years ago by Thornton Education Trust provide a prestigious platform for individuals and organisations to showcase their efforts in empowering young people within the built environment. By recognising and celebrating these initiatives, the awards encourage continued progress and innovation in bridging the gap between architecture and the younger generation. It is an exciting opportunity for practitioners and professionals worldwide to contribute to positive change and inspire future generations.

### **Objectives:**

**Recognition of outstanding Initiatives:** celebrate outstanding initiatives, organisations, and individuals who have actively engaged with young people to improve the built environment. The awards serve as a platform to highlight the positive impact of their activities, collaborations, or Research.

**Global Participation:** This global perspective allows for a diverse range of entries and insights into youth empowerment within the built environment.

**Tangible Impact:** Empowering young people within their communities through built environment projects, collaboration, or research. This emphasis on measurable outcomes highlights the significance of practical results.

**Youth Engagement:** Encouraging children and young people to engage in and advocate for a better-built environment. This reflects a commitment to involving young voices in shaping the future of their communities.

**Best Practices and Innovation:** Highlight ability to engage with children and young people while demonstrating best practices and showcasing innovation within the built environment. This encourages the sharing of effective strategies and approaches.

Thornton Education Trust's Neil Pinder and Victoria Thornton are the founding trustees. bringing together their collective experience and knowledge.

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