

Leeds Beckett University, The University of Suffolk, The University of the West of England, Bristol and Loughborough University are delighted to present the 2025 RISE Awards, hosted this year by **Loughborough University**.

These highly regarded awards seek to recognise, celebrate and showcase exemplar case studies from the Built Environment sharing emerging best practice in Research, Innovation, Sustainability and Enterprise for new and innovative products, technologies, processes, projects and schemes.

Celebrating diversity and the unique skills, knowledge and perspectives that different groups bring to the field is at the heart of the RISE awards; bringing together academic, industry, third sector and community groups in a unique celebration of all those who are helping to change the way we build and live in the future.

Submissions are encouraged across 12 different categories, and poster entries are FREE. Previous winners have come from an array of environmental specialisms, across various companies and professions, from diverse backgrounds – what matters to us is that entrants display the passion and dedication to do things better, pushing industry forward and driving up standards.

The closing date for entries is **Monday 09th June** with the winners being notified in the week commencing **Monday 30th June**. Awards will be presented at the prestigious gala presentation evening on **Thursday 04th September 2025** at **Loughborough University**.

The RISE Awards are an opportunity for you to showcase your initiatives with your peers and bring your expertise to a new audience. The awards dinner provides an opportunity to develop future industry, academic and third sector collaborations.

HOW TO ENTER

Entries can be made for a project, process, product or a service. To enter, please produce an A2 sized poster outlining your product, process, project or service that addresses one or more of the category themes detailed below. Your poster should include text, images and, where possible, facts and figures that will provide the judges with tangible evidence of performance and outcomes against your strategic aims.

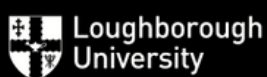
Key Points to think about for your poster submission:

- What need did the product, process, project or service fill
- Why is it different/ special/ unique?
- What challenges were faced and how were they overcome?
- What did it achieve? What are the current and future benefits?



Please send in your A2 posters to LSIConference@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Poster themes



Award	Category	Descriptions/Entry Requirements/Examples
1	Field and Laboratory Research	Entries could include: Products, Components or Whole Buildings or Civil Engineering Systems; Manufacture and Industry, Domestic construction, Commercial, Industrial development and Non-Domestic structure, Engineered and System, Building Services and Energy Management Systems.
2	Design, Innovation and Creativity	Entries could include: Design, Innovation and Creativity within sustainability across commerce and third sector services – including services, products and systems.
3	New Technologies and Building Materials	Entries could include innovative use of digital technologies, systems and materials.
4	Sustainable Developments	Entries could include: Energy and Resource Efficiency, Building Performance, Renewables, Energy Generation, Services and Building Systems, Building Materials and Processes, Wind, Solar, Hydro, Biomass, Geothermal and Energy.
5	Heritage Award for Restoration/Retrofit	Entries could include: Restoration, Heritage Construction and Traditional Building methods, Energy Efficiency, Planning for Whole-life Sustainability .
6	Behaviour Change	The judges are looking for change that creates a positive impact on the use of energy. Entries sought from initiatives aligned with the following headings; Positive Energy Behaviour Change, Socio-Technology for Energy Efficiency, Processes for Energy Efficiency, Social models, Structures and Developments for Energy Efficiency
7	Social Value	The winner will be the organisation that best demonstrates its ability to bring value and benefit to society.
8	Enterprise	The winner will be the project that best demonstrates a commitment to embedding enterprise, knowledge and understanding in the field.
9	Collaborative Working	The winner will be the project that best demonstrates teamwork through early involvement of stakeholders, cross team collaboration, strong communication (and tools used where applicable, e.g. BIM) and full team integration.
10	Education and Training	The winner will be the organisation committed to and implementing education and training that underpins the development of knowledge and skills equipping the workforce and society for the future.
11	Fire and Safety	Never before has the integrity of our buildings and their ability to withstand the impact of fire, explosions and resist the passage of smoke been so important. Products, processes and systems that contribute to more sustainable, resilient and safe buildings, both for retrofit and new build are sought. Innovative, new or existing products that demonstrate proven performance and restore confidence are essential. Equally, systems that ensure evacuation to a place of safety for all occupants is something that is supported and required.
12	Health, Safety and Wellbeing	Though constant efforts are made to improve standards, our industry remains one of the most dangerous in which to work. Processes and systems that improve health and safety are sought as well as innovation that enhances the quality of life of the construction worker. Where new ground has been broken with regard to the health and safety of the construction worker and professionals, evidence of this will be rewarded.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- All submissions must be made by **Monday 09th June 2025**.
- All submissions must **include details of a primary company contact** (name, address & telephone number to be supplied) for correspondence in relation to the entry.
- All entries **must include text, high resolution images and facts and figures where appropriate**.
- All posters should be **submitted electronically, via email to lsiconference@leedsbeckett.ac.uk** You will receive an acknowledgement of your entry by return email.
- There is **no limit on entries**. Entrants can submit as many projects, products, processes or services as they like.
- A product, process, project or service **can be submitted into more than one category**. Please **ensure you indicate the categories you are applying for on entry**.
- **Any clients must be made aware in advance of any entries that refer to them**.
- We regret that we cannot return any posters so **please keep your own copies on file**.
- **The organisers reserve the right to feature / display submitted material in any editorial or promotional work related to the award scheme**.
- All awards are made at the discretion of the judges and the RISE award organisers.
- The **judges reserve the right not to make an award in any particular category**.
- The **judges have authority to move entries into different categories where appropriate**. We will inform you if that is the case.



If you have any questions about the RISE awards,
please contact via email to
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A Good Mix of People: We've all been to awards ceremonies filled with our competitors. Now imagine if every person in the room was a potential partner instead of a rival. With our unique mix of private companies, government bodies, academics, researchers and community groups, the possibilities for forging new business opportunities over a glass of wine are very real. So come and meet your new collaborators!

Relaxed and Welcoming: The beauty of our RISE Awards is in their simplicity. The focus of this relaxed event is solely on the promotion of entries and the people behind them. This coupled with knowledgeable hosting, great food and even better company makes the RISE awards the perfect forum to entertain your associates, celebrate and engage in lively conversation with a room full of professional experts.

No Geographical limitations: Don't get us wrong, we are proud of our Yorkshire heritage but our University partnerships were founded on the principles of inclusivity and collaboration. With so much originality and invention going on around the world, we think it only right that our awards should reflect this.

No Time limitations: For these awards there are no minimum requirements on when or where the initiative was designed, developed or implemented. Our only stipulation is that you have to be able to demonstrate ongoing positive impact today.

No forms: For these awards, we thought it was time to give our entrants the opportunity to use a little bit of imagination! All we are asking for by way of a submission is a one to two page poster using text, images and charts – let's see your creativity and let those visual presentation skills run wild!