

Showcase the best landscape projects in the UK

Find the UK winner for next year's Council of Europe Landscape Awards
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Good landscapes, wherever they are, help make great communities. A new town square, a restored coastal path, a regeneration scheme with public space at its heart, all make a contribution to how well a community works. The UK Landscape Award is looking for the best landscape in the UK.

The Award helps to implement the European Landscape Convention (ELC) in the UK. The Convention is the first international convention to focus specifically on landscape, and is dedicated exclusively to the protection, management and planning of all landscapes in Europe. The ELC became binding from 1 March 2007. The convention highlights the need to recognise landscape in law, to develop landscape policies dedicated to the protection, management and creation of landscapes, and to establish procedures for the participation of the general public and other stakeholders in the creation and implementation of landscape policies. It also encourages the integration of landscape into all relevant areas of policy, including cultural, economic and social policies.

The Award

The ELC establishes a Council of Europe Landscape Award to recognise quality stewardship of landscapes. Member states run national competitions to identify national winners who are then put forward for the European-level award. The Award has only been run once before. This is the first time that the Award has been run in the UK.

Dates for entry

Entries for the Award opened on 6 April and close on 27 August 2010. The winner will be announced on 8 November 2010 at the European Landscape Convention Conference in Liverpool. The UK winner will then be submitted to the Council of Europe's European Landscape Award which will be announced in March 2011.

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The European Landscape Convention is championed by DEFRA, the Welsh Assembly Government, the Scottish Government, the Department of the Environment Northern Ireland and their agencies. The Award is being managed in the UK by the Landscape Institute.

