



SPAB Building Craftsperson of the Year

Notes for entrants

An annual award celebrating excellence in craftsmanship and traditional building skills

ABOUT THE AWARD



The SPAB has always championed good craftsmanship and supported people training in and developing traditional building skills. It has established this new craft award - presented for the first time in 2022 - to recognise craftspeople and builders working with traditional materials and construction across the UK (and including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands) and Ireland.

The award will:

Recognise and celebrate excellence in traditional building and craft skills, and closely related trades.

Recognise and encourage the best up-and-coming craftspeople and builders working with traditional materials and construction.

Eligibility

The award is open to:

Craftspeople and builders under 30 years of age.

Craftspeople of any age who are new to their trade, having previously had a different career.

Entrants should be engaged in one of the following:

Working with historic buildings and traditional materials.

Working in traditional forms of construction (e.g. bricklayer, stonemason, roofer, carpenter/joiner/framer, plasterer, earth builder, glazier, conservation builder).

Working in a related skill area (e.g. blacksmithing, signwriting, gilding, bell founding / bell hanging, clock making, leadworking, wallpaper printing).

Timetable

Submission of entries and nominations for the award:

Opens: 1 October 2021

Closes: 28 March 2022 at 5pm

Entries and nominations received outside the submission period will not be considered.

The award will be presented at the SPAB Awards event in November 2022

Judging

The award will be judged by a specialist panel in summer 2022, on the basis of entry forms and conversations with shortlisted candidates. The judges will be looking for both technical excellence, and demonstrable understanding of and sensitivity towards old buildings, their character, materials and construction.

Enter or nominate

Please use the entry / nomination form to tell us about the craftsperson's / builder's achievements and approach to old buildings and traditional materials; why they deserve this award; and example projects that illustrate their skills. Entrants / nominators are asked to provide photographs showing the craftsperson's / builder's work, and there is space to include a statement of support (for example, from an employer, trainer, client or colleague).

Note: If you are unable to use the online entry form or would prefer to enter / nominate on paper or in another form, please get in touch with us to discuss your requirements.

Any queries? Contact us at: awards@spab.org.uk