



London Heritage Awards

Categories, Awards List, and General Criteria for Nominations

Category 1. Contributions to Education/Awareness/Advocacy

Long-Term Contribution Award: Individual or group:

Recognizes an individual volunteer (or group), who has devoted time, energy, and enthusiasm to the preservation of London's built heritage over many years. Amongst other things this could be by attending meetings, writing letters, speaking out at City Hall, organizing events that showcase London's heritage, undertaking social media initiatives, volunteering with local heritage groups. This category also includes individuals who are either founders or builders of local heritage organizations.

Heritage Hero Award: Individual or Group, one-time contribution

Recognizes an individual volunteer (or group) who has demonstrated vision, passion, and creativity by advocating for a major project or programme that would preserve our heritage. This might focus on a specific archaeological feature, building, or cultural landscape.

A major project designed to increase awareness of the need to preserve our built heritage.

Local History Award: For writing, archival work, video production, social media initiatives, or online publications

Recognizes an individual (or group), who has helped to preserve historic records, or who, by scholarship, study, and published research, has increased our awareness of the richness of our local heritage.

Category 2. Conservation of Heritage

Adaptive Re-Use Project Award

Recognizes an individual, group, or business, who has undertaken a significant conservation project by restoring a heritage building or structure for a new purpose.

Restoration Project Award

Recognizes an individual, group, or business who has enabled the conservation of a heritage building or structure by means of restoration. This can range from a massive or major institutional restoration to a more modest residential project.

Small-Scale Restoration Project Award

Recognizes an individual, group, or business, who has undertaken a small-scale heritage conservation project. This award can recognize the conservation of a heritage attribute including, but not limited to, wood window restoration, porch restoration, bargeboard or trim restoration, masonry restoration, stained glass window restoration.

Archaeological/ Cultural Landscape Conservation Project Award

Recognizes an individual, organization, or business, who has undertaken a significant project enabling the conservation of an archaeological feature, or cultural landscape.

Projects must be complete to be considered for an award.

Where applicable, a Heritage Alteration Permit (HAP) should have been obtained. This applies to individual heritage designated properties and properties designated as part of a Heritage Conservation District (HCD).

Consideration will be given to the use of heritage-compatible materials. Suitable paint colours are also taken into consideration.

“Before and After” photographs help the Awards Committee see the extent of the work undertaken.

Category 3. New construction demonstrating respect for built heritage.

Compatible Design Award: For new construction (a building or addition) that accords with the surrounding buildings and landscape of a historical streetscape.

New in 2023, this category seeks to honour new projects that are constructed within a historic streetscape or historic environment and make positive contributions to the heritage character of the area.

A “historic streetscape” in this context includes, but is not limited to, an HCD. A historic streetscape should have an identifiable heritage character.

This award should allow for projects that are not simply copying the surrounding buildings but interpret the heritage character of the streetscape in exciting new ways.

Does it impact the neighbourhood in a positive way?

The use of materials, the height of the building and its design elements will all be considered.

Category 4. Heritage Professional Award

Recognizes an individual or group employed in the Heritage sector who has done extraordinary work in enabling a restoration project to succeed, or who has gone above and beyond their professional role in the field of education, awareness, or advocacy. These may include architects, contractors, craftspeople, consultants, etc.

N.B. The London Heritage Awards are given at the discretion of the Nominations Committee. There may not necessarily be an award given in each category each year. In some categories, more than one award may be given. From time to time the Awards Committee may make a nomination of its own.

