

Church Architecture Awards

Partnership between the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association

Please read these guidelines carefully.

You can find the form to submit your entry here:

<https://forms.gle/nxt9KRRG8DMNrsgL8>

The closing date is 22 July 2024.

We will award one winner in each category and recognise one or two highly commended per category.

The King of Prussia Gold Medal

The King of Prussia Gold Medal is for high quality church conservation or repair work. The award is made on behalf of the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association.

Entry requirements:

The King of Prussia Award is open to the architect or chartered surveyor on any scheme of repair for a church or chapel of any Christian denomination in the UK, in use for regular worship and over one hundred years old.

The Presidents' Award

The Presidents' Award is given for the best example of a new church building or for extensions to churches. The award is made on behalf of the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association.

Entry requirements:

The Presidents' Award is open to projects at any church building of any Christian denomination across the UK. Projects are eligible if they have been completed within the last three years or after the Practical Completion stage of development.

Young Architect of the Year

The award is available to an architect who has been responsible for a shortlisted design for the King of Prussia Gold Medal or the Presidents' Award. Nominations can be made on both forms.

We had some wonderful submissions, and brilliant winners in 2023.

For inspiration, see them here: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards/winners2023>

Entry requirements

The church architecture awards are different from our other categories in that it is usually architects and surveyors who make the submission and win the prize. Architects and surveyors from any church, chapel or meeting house project may be nominated. This will enable us to celebrate the geographic spread of great work that exists in caring for churches across the UK.



Submission

- We have included questions for both awards here, please complete them all if possible because occasionally the judges may decide that your project is better suited in the other category to which you have submitted for.
- Most questions are mandatory (marked with an asterisk), others are not.
- Some have a character limit, which is listed.
- Most of the questions relate specifically to this award. But there are some general questions about the church at the end. These help us to get an impression of their ethos. We want to see amazing churches that are open and available for use. You might want to ask the church to provide you with answers to the questions in the final section.

Below are the questions, so that you can prepare your answers offline

- You will need to upload at least 1 plan or drawing (you can upload up to 5 plans / drawings).
- You will need to upload at least 5 images (you can upload up to 10 images).
- You **must** rename any plans, drawings or images that you upload to include your project title, so that we can match them up with your form and provide the judges with all the information you want them to see.
- To apply you will need to complete the submission form.
- You can amend your answers up to the closing date.

Questions

About the church, chapel or meeting house

- Name of church or chapel * (50 character limit)
- Address of church or chapel * (150 character limit)
- Postcode of church or chapel * (15 character limit)
- Name, phone number and email address of a contact at the church * (150 character limit)
- Denomination * (50 character limit)
- Is the building listed. If so, please state the grade * (50 character limit)
- Is the building on the Heritage at Risk Register *

About the architect or surveyor

- Name of the architectural or surveying practice * (75 character limit)
- Address of the architectural or surveying practice * (150 character limit)
- Contact for this submission (name, phone and email) * (150 character limit)

Professional overseeing the project:

- Name of the professional overseeing the project * (50 character limit)
- Job title of the professional overseeing the project * (50 character limit)
- Email of the professional overseeing the project * (50 character limit)
- Does the professional have conservation accreditation as shown in the guidelines (desirable not mandatory)
- Is the professional a member of EASA (not mandatory)

Architect or surveyor under 40 who worked on the project to be considered for young architect or surveyor award (if appropriate)

- Name, age, job title * (75 character limit)
- What was their involvement in this project * (750 character limit)



Others involved in this project

- Name of other professional team members and principal contractors (e.g. quantity surveyor, structural engineer, mechanical engineer)? * (750 character limit)

About the project

- Project title * (150 character limit)
- Type of construction contract * (50 character limit)
- Total cost of the project (if known) * (50 character limit)

- Please upload up to five plans / drawings of the project.
- Please upload up to ten photographs of the project. Please try and include before / after, work in progress and the church in use once completed.
- You **must** rename any plans, drawings or images that you upload to include your project title, so that we can match them up with your form and provide the judges with all the information you want them to see.

- Technical description of the project (if you are from the church, please check wording with your architect) * (1500 character limit)
- How has it responded to a significant technical or aesthetic challenge * (1500 character limit)
- How does the project contribute to the need for environmental sustainability or seek to reduce the building's carbon footprint * (750 character limit)
- What has been the impact of the project on the life of the church * (750 character limit)
- Has this project won any other awards (750 character limit)

King of Prussia Gold Medal Award questions

Please answer these questions if you are making a submission for a King of Prussia Gold Medal Award for innovative, high quality church conservation or repair work. If you are unsure whether your project qualifies for this award, please do answer these questions. If you do not want to be considered for this award, please answer n/a.

- Why is the project a brilliant example of high quality church conservation or repair work * (1500 character limit)
- Have you used any innovative or new techniques * (750 character limit)

Presidents' Award questions

Please answer these questions if you are making a submission for a Presidents' Award for the best example of a new church building or extension. If you are unsure whether your project qualifies for this award, please do answer these questions. If you do not want to be considered for this award, please answer n/a.

- Why is the project a brilliant example of the best new church building (or re-ordering), extensions or alterations to existing church buildings * (1500 character limit)
- Have you used any innovative or new techniques * (750 character limit)

About the church:

This section is ideally completed by the church. It's about the church more generally, as we would love to know more to help us create compelling stories to share. It will help us to get a wider picture of your ethos and activities.

- What's your ethos and what's important to you * (750 character limit)
- What kind of activities are you involved in, what difference are you making and what are you most proud of * (750 character limit)
- How do you encourage people to get involved and engage in your activities * (750 character limit)
- Brief description of your building's heritage / architecture * (750 character limit)
- Your building in numbers (include opening times, congregation size, number of services and community activities) * (750 character limit)

