



HERITAGE ANGEL AWARDS

NORTHERN IRELAND



PRESS RELEASE

Following last year's outstanding success, Ulster Architectural Heritage is delighted to announce that the launch of the second Heritage Angel NI Awards took place this week in Derry~Londonderry. The scheme funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and Derry & Strabane District Council is administered by the Ulster Architectural Heritage. The Awards seek to celebrate the efforts of people who go to extraordinary lengths to protect, save and share their local heritage. They also recognise those who champion their local heritage by sharing and practising forgotten craft skills. In addition they celebrate young people, recognising their efforts to learn about heritage.

The Awards have been running successfully in England and Scotland for a number of years, with Wales coming on board in 2018.

This year's five categories include:

- Best Rescue of an Historic Building or Place for projects under £5m
- Best Major Regeneration of an historic building or place for projects in excess of £5m
- Best Contribution to a Heritage Project by Young People
- Best Craftsperson or Apprentice on a Heritage Rescue or Repair Project
- Best Heritage Research, Interpretation or Recording

Nominations and applications are now open and will close on Friday 1st June. A team of heritage experts will have the tough task of whittling down shortlists for each category and a panel of judges will choose the eventual winners who will be announced at the Heritage Angels Awards NI ceremony on Tuesday 6th November at the Guildhall, Derry~Londonderry.

The award winner for each category will then move forward to represent Northern Ireland for the chance to be crowned overall Heritage Angel at a high profile ceremony in late November in London.

Nicola McVeigh, Chief Executive, Ulster Architectural Heritage Society

"UAH is delighted to launch the second Heritage Angel Awards in Northern Ireland and welcomes support for them from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and Derry & Strabane District Council.

The success of the 2017 Awards demonstrated the high level of activity and interest in local heritage and we hope by highlighting these achievements many more people will become involved in heritage projects.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, who founded the Historic England Angel Awards in 2011, said: "I applaud everyone who enters the Angel Awards and showcases their heritage rescues. I am particularly pleased that Wales is on board this year so the Angel Awards are running for the first time in all four home nations. They shine a light on the special individuals and groups who tackle difficult historic buildings and sites at risk across the UK and inspire others to get involved. I am also excited to announce that at the awards ceremony in London this year, we will be presenting a special award to the overall winner from all the Angel Award categories in

England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, so I encourage everyone to come forward and send in their applications.”

For full details on how to apply to the 2018 Heritage Angel Awards NI or nominate someone else for an award please visit www.heritageangelawards-ni.org.uk/

Keep up to date with the latest from the Heritage Angel Awards NI on Twitter and Facebook at @ulsterahs

Ends

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Notes for editors:

About the Heritage Angel Awards NI The awards are administered by the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society and funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and Derry & Strabane District Council. They are further supported by The Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (CAF); Construction Industry Training Board (CITBNI); Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF); Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC); the Department for Communities (HED) and Heritage Trust Network (HTN).

For further information on Heritage Angel Awards NI, please contact @

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Ulster Architectural Heritage:

UAH is a charitable, membership organisation founded in 1967. It exists to promote appreciation, preservation and conservation of architecture across the nine counties of Ulster. Over the last 50 years UAH has established itself as a fearless campaigner for buildings of merit, a generous resource of information on local architecture, and a fair and helpful source of advice. Its main activities include campaigning & lobbying, support & advice, publications and events. UAH works with the Historic Environment Division, (HED), at the Department for Communities, (DfC), to record and promote the conservation of listed buildings at risk through the Built Heritage at Risk NI, (BHARNI) partnership.

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About the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation was set up by Andrew in 1992 to promote the arts, culture and heritage for the public benefit; since inception Andrew has been the principal provider of funding for all its charitable activities. In 2010, the Foundation embarked on an active grant giving programme and has now awarded grants of over £18m to support high quality training and personal development as well as other projects that make a real difference to enrich the quality of life both for individuals and within local communities. Significant grants include £3.5m to Arts Educational Schools, London to create a state of the art professional theatre, £2.4m to the Music in Secondary Schools Trust, £1m to The Architectural Heritage Fund, \$1.3m to the American Theatre Wing and over £350,000 annually to fund 30 performing arts scholarships for talented students in financial need. www.andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com