



HERITAGE ANGEL AWARDS

NORTHERN IRELAND



Heritage Angel Awards NI – Winners Announced

The quest for the 2018 Northern Ireland Heritage Angels came to a conclusion last night with the presentation of seven awards at a glittering ceremony which took place in the Guildhall Derry~Londonderry. The awards funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber foundation with further support from Derry and Strabane District Council and the Department for Communities celebrated individuals and groups who have rescued historic buildings or sites, worked as craftsmen or apprentices, or recorded and interpreted historic places.

Best Rescue of a Historic Building or Place for projects under £2M

Neil McClure

Martin Reilly
Lissan House & Demesne
Commended

Project: Portico – WINNER

Project: Eglantine House – Highly Commended
Project: Lissan House & Demesne- Highly

Best Major Regeneration of a Historic Building or Place for projects in excess of £2M

**Foyle Civic Trust -
Heritage Initiative (THI) – WINNER**

Ciara Denvir & Peter Boyle
Titanic Foundation
Headquarters and Drawing Offices – Highly Commended

Project: The Walled City Townscape

Project: Ormiston House – Highly Commended
Project: The former Harland & Wolff

Best Contribution to a Heritage Project by Young People

**Robert Stewart
WINNER**

Conor Sandford
Armagh – Highly Commended
Students of Architecture, Ulster University
Highly Commended

Project: Lissan House & Demesne –

Project: The Windmill Stump, Cockhill, County
Project: Glamour and Gloom Publication –

Best Craftsperson or Apprentice on a Heritage Rescue or Repair Project

**Apprentices of Sperrins Gateway Landscape Partnership Project: Sperrins Gateway
Landscape Partnership – WINNER**

Jonathan Black
Highly Commended
Tom Flemons
Conservation – Highly Commended

Project: Mount Stewart Stable Yard Gates –

Project Mount Stewart Central Hall Floor

Best Heritage Research, Interpretation or Recording

**Margaret Gallagher
Fermanagh – WINNER**

City Cemetery Record Access Project Volunteers
Cemetery – Highly Commended

Paul Harron
Research Publication & Exhibition – Highly Commended

Project: Mullylusty Cottage, Belcoo,

Project: Burial Registers of Derry City

Project: Young & Mackenzie Architects

Public Vote

Ciara Denvir & Peter Boyle, Ormiston House

Lifetime Achievement Award

Mary McLaughlin, Heritage Advocate

The ceremony, hosted by Wendy Austin, Journalist and BBC Presenter, featured entertainment by local artists including Brigid O'Neill; Eilidh Patterson, Eoin O'Callaghan who collaborated on Heritage in Song an initiative partially funded by the Honourable The Irish Society and the Acorn Fund. Material included bespoke compositions on the Derry Walls; Austin's Department Store and the City's shirt factory industry. Local writer Glenn Patterson also provided a reading on the theme of place. Over 400 people were in attendance and guest presenters included John Kelpie, CEO, Derry & Strabane District Council; Dr Bob Brown, Chair National Trust NI; Dr Malachy O'Neill, Provost Magee Campus; Mark Patterson, BBC Presenter; Professor Deirdre Heenan and Joe Mahon, Less Spotter Ulster Presenter.

Nicola McVeigh, Chief Executive, Ulster Architectural Heritage

I am delighted that Northern Ireland has once again successfully recognised our local Heritage Angels. We were truly overwhelmed by the level of interest demonstrated by the Northern Irish heritage sector with over 80 nominations and applications received from a diverse range of projects. The ceremony gave us the opportunity to recognise not only our winners but also everyone who took the time to enter. We were also thrilled to be able to link culture and heritage by the inclusion of the Heritage in Song project which has helped promote our message to a new audience. The Heritage Angel Awards is a three year project and I hope last night's success encourages even more entries in 2019 as well as awakening a renewed interest in our local heritage sector.

Lord Lloyd Webber, Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation

Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose charitable foundation helped to found the Heritage Angel Awards, said: "Congratulations to all of the winners of the Northern Ireland Heritage Angel Awards! They all deserve to be celebrated for their significant roles in saving Northern Ireland's Heritage and for the time, enthusiasm, skills and energy that they have dedicated to this important cause".

Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Councillor John Boyle

On behalf of Derry City and Strabane District Council, I would like to congratulate the winning and highly commended projects from last night's event. We are delighted and proud to have hosted the ceremony and the historic Guildhall proved a fitting backdrop to the proceedings. The awards are an ideal way to recognise and acknowledge the selfless contribution of the many groups and individuals who promote and celebrate our local heritage, work that often goes unseen behind the scenes.

The event also incorporated the inaugural Historic Building Council's Maintenance Awards, which celebrate the owners of historic buildings who care for their buildings day to day. These are not dramatic restoration projects, but rather through their hard work these owners have prevented their buildings from falling into a stage where drastic intervention is required. The maintenance awards are led by the Historic Buildings Council and funded by the Department for Communities.

The 2018 Maintenance Awards winners were:

Best Maintenance of a Public Building : Governors and Guardians of Armagh Robinson Library for Armagh Robinson Library

Best Maintenance of a Private Building : Barbara & Jock Workman for The Lough House

Best Maintenance of Community Building : Limavady Community Development Initiative for Limavady Union Workhouse

Best Maintenance of a Rural Thatch Cottage: Mrs Anna Benjamin for Rose Cottage

Best Maintenance of Conservation Area : Mid and East Antrim Borough Council; Glenarm Building Preservation Trust and Glenarm in Bloom for Glenarm Conservation Area