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## ***Established in 1937 the Award celebrate the best in housing design in Scotland.***

The Saltire Society is a unique, independent, non-political voice that supports, celebrates and advocates the importance of the full range of Scotland's cultural interests.

One way that the Society does this is through a range of awards celebrating excellence and achievement. Our Housing Design Awards have been rewarding and advocating innovation and excellence in Scottish house building and place-making for longer than any other design awards in Scotland. They are a highly regarded, long-standing example of the Society's commitments, aims and objectives.

Intended for Owners, Clients, Architects, House-builders and Housing Developers of all shapes and sizes, the length and breadth of Scotland – the awards have recognised everything from single dwellings in the remotest reaches of the Highlands, to large-scale commercial developments in the country's major urban centres.

2016 marks the award's 79th anniversary, having been the very first Awards scheme initiated by the Society, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary. Far from just glancing backwards at this proud history however, the awards have in recent years been re-imagined in a Scotland where the need to promote good design and housing for all, is just as immediate as it was in the 1930's and we are excited to be celebrating this in the year of Architecture, Innovation and Design.

We are once again looking forward, and seeking new entries from across Scotland. We very much hope that your project will be one of them.

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## ***Convener's Statement***

It is a great pleasure to launch this year's Call to Entries to the Saltire Society Housing Awards. Our Awards have celebrated Scotland's achievements in housing since 1937. Consequently, during the 2016 Year of Architecture, Innovation and Design, we are delighted that our rich and varied programme continues to celebrate the very best in housing design, development and culture.

We are truly delighted to welcome the prolific broadcaster, journalist and author Kirsty Wark to the role of Annual Guest Chair. We have no doubt that Kirsty's involvement in this year's awards will raise awareness of the role that housing plays in Scottish life and stimulate debate. Kirsty will present this year's Awards and select the winner of the Saltire Medal.

In the context of the 2016 Festival we have initiated a series of new projects and events. These aim to provoke discussion and provide a critical analysis of Scottish housing and the built environment. We are commissioning a series of essays and poetry by contemporary thinkers in a new publication that references Robert Hurd and Alan Reiach's seminal publication 'Building Scotland'. Our Panel is also progressing a 'Test of Time' project that involves mapping and reviewing all previous Award Winners to assess housing patterns and celebrate longevity. Finally, we will host a discussion between our former Guest Chairs on the role of housing in Scottish society at our Awards Ceremony in June.

We are also delighted to have continued endorsement from the Scottish Government for the 'Innovation in Housing' award, which celebrates original thinking and imagination within Scottish housing.

Our committed, diverse and experienced Panel continues to go from strength to strength. This year we are delighted to welcome Helen Lucas of Helen Lucas Architects, Tamsin Cunningham of WT Architecture and Steven Tolson of CDLH (former Chair of RCIS Scotland) onto the Panel.

We invite you to submit projects you have commissioned, designed and/or built and look forward to receiving a wide variety of entries for Multiple Housing Developments, Single Dwellings, Alterations/Extensions, Innovation in Housing and Landscape in Housing. Please refer to our website, [www.saltirehousingdesignawards.com](http://www.saltirehousingdesignawards.com) for further information about the Saltire Society, the award process and our Panel.

We look forward to viewing your entries in March, taking part in our tour of shortlisted projects in May and celebrating all those involved at the Awards Ceremony in August. We hope you can join us in celebrating the very best in Scottish Housing and actively take part in our up-coming 2016 events and discussions.



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### ***Key Dates***

**Call for Entries** 22 January 2015

**Deadline for submissions** 14 March 2016

**Shortlist Announced** May 2016

**Awards Ceremony** June 2016

**Saltire Celebrates** 3 December 2016 Glasgow

## Award Categories

### Multiple Housing Development

Projects in this category should comprise more than 2 dwellings and may be only partially complete provided they are a distinct phase of a masterplan. The Society is keen to engage and celebrate excellence/innovation in the low rise and sub-urban development. They should demonstrate a high quality of place-making with clear hierarchies of public and private space and a successful use of landscaping. The design of the housing should address issues of sustainability, energy efficiency and adaptability.

PAST WINNERS



Glasgow Commonwealth Games  
Athletes Village Dalmarnock



West Pilton Crescent  
Edinburgh



Charleston Square  
Paisley

### Alterations, Renovations and Extensions

Projects in this category may vary from alterations and extensions to single dwellings or may be a re-use of any redundant building such as a farm steading, warehouse etc. They should demonstrate skill and sensitivity in transforming or extending the existing building.

PAST WINNERS



Grange Loan  
Edinburgh



Westbourne Drive Bearsden,  
Glasgow



The Mill, Southside Steading

## Single Dwelling New Build

The Panel is looking for excellent examples of houses for individual clients that demonstrate a strong concept, a successful relationship to their site and an appropriate energy strategy.

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House No. 7 Heanish  
Isle of Tiree



Graham Place  
Stromness Orkney



Murphy House  
Edinburgh

## Landscape in Housing

This award celebrates landscape as an essential, integral element in the design of successful housing projects. Entries should create a high quality setting for development by exploiting site character, arranging well organised external spaces which encourage use and social interaction and demonstrate the use of healthy, robust and attractive materials. Entries will be considered from projects completed within the last five years. This category welcomes submissions from landscape architects, clients, tenants groups, architects and contractors.

PAST WINNERS



St Anthony's New Build Housing  
Glasgow



East Whins Eco Village  
Findhorn, Moray



West Pilton Crescent  
Edinburgh



# Saltire Medal

The first ever Saltire Medal was presented to Rural Design in 2010 for their project at Fiscavaig on Skye. Previous recipients awarded include Elder and Cannon for their Botany Phase 1 project in Maryhill, Glasgow, Dualchas Architects, Skye and Fergus Purdie Architects/Arthur Watson for their joint venture, Artist Residence in Perth. We are extremely pleased that the Saltire Medal is now part of the scheme in perpetuity. This award is chosen by the Guest Annual Chair.

## Guidelines

- The award is chosen from awarded projects in the 4 main awards categories.
- Submissions cannot be made for the Saltire Medal alone.
- The Saltire Medal cannot be awarded to the Innovation in Housing Award recipient.
- There is a £1500 cash prize associated with the Saltire Medal.

## Previous Saltire Medal Winners



The Old Farmhouse  
Invergarry



Botany Phase 1 Maryhill,  
Glasgow



Artist Residence  
Perth

## **Submission Criteria**

1. Submitted projects must be in Scotland.
2. Projects must have been completed between 01.01.14 and 31.03.16
3. Entries may be submitted by Clients, Owners, Builders, Developers, Architects, Architectural Technicians, Public or Semi-Public bodies, and any other individuals who have commissioned, completed or designed housing projects in Scotland over the above timeframe.
4. The panel will consider larger projects that are partially complete; this is intended for projects that have been stalled due to the current economic climate, but where - for example - 1 phase of 2 is complete, and/or the design identity and/or master-planning is clear.
5. All submissions should comply with all statutory consents applicable to their nature, scope and intention. Entries found to be in violation of this criterion will not be considered.
6. All entries will automatically be considered for the CIOB Good Building Award.
7. In order for a project to be considered for an award judges visiting the scheme must be able to access (both interior and exterior) any completed phase of the project.

### **Entry Fees**

For single entry: £75

For all additional submissions : £25 (if submitted by same entrant)

### **The Awards**

Award-winning entries will receive one of our distinctive Saltire plaques for attachment to their building, as well as an illuminated diploma.

The Saltire Medal recipient receives a specially commissioned medal distinguishing this accolade, and a cash prize.

The Innovation in Housing Award winner (separate application form) will also receive a cash prize and award plaque distinguishing this award.

Commended entries will receive an illuminated diploma.

Details and images of all entries will be posted on the Society's website and contribute to forming an archive of housing in Scotland.



## How to Enter

Entrants should fill in and return:

- Entry Form 1 (Project Details)
- Entry Form 2 (Project Team)
- A completed, image-based, PowerPoint template submitted in both ppt and pdf format (your completed entry form including powerpoints must be no larger than 5MB)

These documents contain clear instructions as to what content the Society requires in order to properly assess submissions.

These documents can also be accessed from [saltire@saltiresociety.org.uk](mailto:saltire@saltiresociety.org.uk)

We are striving to make the submission process as straightforward and non-time consuming as possible, and are always looking for feedback on how it can be further improved.

Please contact [saltire@saltiresociety.org.uk](mailto:saltire@saltiresociety.org.uk) if you have any suggestions/questions about the submission process.

**Note 1:** We would ask award winners to speak about their work at the event, 'Saltire Celebrates' that brings all of our award winners together on 3 December 2016

**Note 2:** The Saltire Society may wish to retain all entry material for record, publication or exhibition purposes, including posting on the Society's website. Entrants should make themselves and their team aware that, by way of entry, they give their consent to this requirement and sign the Entry Form accordingly.

**Note 3:** The Society cannot enter into correspondence about the results.

For further information on the awards; The Saltire Society; Housing Panel members; and details/images of past winners and commendees please visit :

[www.saltiresociety.org.uk/awards/architecture/housing-design/](http://www.saltiresociety.org.uk/awards/architecture/housing-design/)



# Saltire Society Housing Design Awards 2016

Please upload completed entry forms 1 and 2 along with a completed, image-based, PowerPoint template and PDF file (min 5mb) to the following Dropbox link:

**[bit.ly/1Rlinfe](https://bit.ly/1Rlinfe)**

Alternatively email them to: [saltire@saltiresociety.org.uk](mailto:saltire@saltiresociety.org.uk)

With the subject line: Saltire Society Housing Design Awards

By noon on **14 March 2016**

Entry fees can be paid at:

**[bit.ly/1PGDdzT](https://bit.ly/1PGDdzT)**

Or via cheque (made payable to: The Saltire Society)

Or you can request an invoice from the Society.

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