

# The Sustainable City Awards™



**Award Winners 2012/13**





The Sustainable City Awards recognise and reward UK organisations, from multinational businesses to small charities, and promote outstanding achievements and innovation across all aspects of sustainability.

Last year the theme for the awards was Sustainable Fashion and the awards were hosted by green consumer champion Livia Firth.

For further information on the awards visit [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/sca](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/sca)

## 2012/13 Winners

### Thrifty Couture

Were the **OVERALL WINNER** and also won the **GREENING THE THIRD SECTOR** category. Thrifty Couture take unloved clothes, and, with good design and workmanship, they create covetable and affordable fashion. Working with the unemployed, retired residents and ex-offenders, Thrifty Couture, offers employment and inspiration which upcycles garments, weaning people off Fast Fashion towards Slow Couture, and creating a sustainable business from a commercial as well as environmental perspectives.

### Scope

Won the **SUSTAINABLE FINANCE** category. In February 2012 Scope launched a unique social investment vehicle that creates an opportunity for investors to get returns that also deliver ethical and social benefits. The yield from this twenty million pound bond offering will be invested in Scope's national chain of charity shops, thus further enhancing Scope's fund raising capacity. This is an entirely new model of fund raising for charities and Scope is acting in an advisory capacity to actively help other organisations emulate its success.

### Marks and Spencer

Won the **SUSTAINABLE FASHION RETAILER** category. This high street giant has set the benchmark for retailers with its visionary "Plan A" programme. Through Plan A, so named because there can be no Plan B, Marks and Spencers are working with both customers and suppliers to combat climate change, reduce waste, use sustainable raw materials, trade ethically, and help their customers to lead healthier lifestyles. The ultimate goal is to secure Marks and Spencers' place as the world's most sustainable major retailer.

### Pachacuti

Won the **SUSTAINABLE FASHION DESIGNER** category. High end milliners Pachacuti have been in existence for over 20 and over that period it has been working at the forefront of the fashion industry in pioneering traceable, sustainable supply chains. Pachacuti's reputation has been further boosted over the last five years through groundbreaking international programmes such as and the EU Geo FairTrade project. Through which they have been used as a case study of best practice to encourage others in the Fashion Industry to follow their lead.

### **The Castle Climbing Centre**

Won the **SUSTAINABLE FOOD** category. The Centre's exemplary environmental design features have inspired its staff to push the envelope in environmental performance. This is particularly apparent in the centre's procurement practices and the one acre waste ground at back of the centre has been transformed into a market garden which provides fresh, organic produce for the centre and the local Hackney community.

### **The McGrath Group**

Won the **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN SMEs** category. Over the last four decades the McGrath Group has developed into one of the South East's largest recycling and resource management companies. Our judges were particularly impressed by how the McGrath Group have used their management system to develop new products and services for their clients- in particular the Zero-to-Landfill Solution, which is particularly sought after by the construction industry and is helping London meet its waste reduction targets.

### **British Land**

Won the **RESOURCE CONSERVATION** category for their outstanding work in cutting energy use in managed properties by 20% since 2009. These reductions have saved their tenants more than £3.3 million on their energy bills whilst and cutting carbon emissions by 24,500 tonnes. Other areas of sustainability have not been neglected and comprehensive programmes covering waste, water and environmental engineering have gained British Land an enviable reputation for excellence in this field

### **Wahaca Southbank**

Won the **SUSTAINABLE BUILDING CATEGORY**. Wahaca Southbank was launched in June 2012 and aimed to provide an exciting restaurant using innovative sustainable build techniques at an iconic London location. The project was built over 6 months using 8 recycled shipping containers which provide a restaurant and bar for 130 diners with stunning views of the river. Sustainability was built into every aspect of the project- from recycled materials and physical design features such as passive cooling, through to a menu specifically designed to reduced requirements for equipment and power in the kitchen.

### **Viridian Housing**

Won the **TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE** category. Viridian wowed our judges with their comprehensive programme to reduce energy costs for their residents. Through internal engagement campaigns that are positive and playful, Viridian have developed a corporate "can-do" culture regarding climate change matters. This has not only had a positive impact across Viridian's estate, thus substantially reducing costs for their tenants, but through a positive engagement programme Viridian have been influencing the attitudes of other Housing Associations across the Country.

### **Investec**

Won the **WASTE MANAGEMENT** category. This international specialist bank and asset manager provides a diverse range of financial products and services. Sound corporate governance is embedded in Investec's values, and culture, and this extends to their management of environmental issues. Our judges were especially impressed by their long term commitment to environmental management which has seen the reduce, re-use recycle mantra put at the heart of the way in which their offices are run.

### **The Greater London Authority**

Won the **AIR QUALITY** category for their delivery of a series of innovative, short-term measures to address local air quality at a number of key hotspots across the London. The combined impacts of Cleaning and dust suppressants, Urban greening, a no engine-idling campaign and Business Engagement have transformed air quality in the target zones, and provide a blueprint of best practice that can be emulated by other Cities in the UK and across the world.

### **The London Borough of Camden**

Won the **SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL** category which delivered a unique electric vehicle trial which saw local businesses and organisations take part in a free trial of low emission vehicles. By providing companies with a chance to really see how an Electric Vehicle could fit in with their business, and explode some of the myths and preconceptions about Electric Vehicles, Camden have demonstrated exemplary leadership in encouraging London's low Carbon Economy.

## Working in Partnership

The Sustainable City Awards partners are:

- The British Fashion Council
- Campaign for Better Transport
- The Chartered Institute of Building
- The City Bridge Trust
- The Clean City Awards Scheme
- Gresham College
- King's College London
- The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- London Sustainability Exchange
- The Ecological Sequestration Trust
- Sustain: The alliance for better food and farming
- The UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association
- The Universities Superannuation Scheme
- The Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors
- The Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners
- The Worshipful Company of Fanmakers
- The Worshipful Company of Launderers
- The Worshipful Company of Patten Makers
- The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators
- Z/Yen Group of Companies

## Entering the Awards

The Sustainable City Awards 2010/11 will be open for entries from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010.

For further information on the awards and how to enter please contact

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