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Rewarding Excellence

The SEAI Energy Awards recognise and reward excellence in all aspects of energy efficiency and renewable energy. Fourteen years on, the Awards continue to set the benchmark in energy best practice as exciting and innovative sustainable energy solutions and practices emerge. Be part of this ambitious group of energy leaders working towards a low carbon energy future for Ireland. Enter the Sustainable Energy Awards!

The Categories

Categories are open to individuals, groups, businesses or organisations, public and private sector, from either the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. Entries can include any combination of electricity, heat or transport initiatives.

Large Business – Energy Management

Aimed at organisations with an energy spend over €0.5 million that have embraced structured energy management and have taken steps to incorporate it into the day-to-day running of their business. Entrants should demonstrate successful motivation of decision makers and energy users to support effective energy efficiency initiatives.

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Large Business – Energy Projects

Aimed at organisations with an energy spend over €0.5 million which have gone beyond best practice in new or upgrade technology solutions. Projects in transport and effective use of renewable technologies and multiple technology deployments are encouraged.

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Small Business

Aimed at small to medium industrial / commercial businesses with an energy spend under €0.5 million that go beyond best practice in new or upgrade technology deployments or energy management solutions. Projects demonstrating low-energy buildings and effective use of renewable technologies are also encouraged.

Public Sector

Aimed at public sector organisations that have implemented exemplar energy management approaches, and delivered energy efficiency projects, showing leadership in their own sector, and across the whole public sector. Projects demonstrating sustained reductions in energy demand through structured energy management, and demonstrating best practice in energy project delivery are encouraged.

Energy Team / Energy Manager of the Year

Aimed at individuals, teams or organisations, across the public, private and voluntary sectors, who have demonstrated leadership and ambition in implementing energy management and delivering significant benefits for their organisation over a prolonged period. Among the criteria are the degree of influence and replication potential beyond their organisational boundaries.



Community

Aimed at partnerships, groups and organisations leading change and championing sustainable energy at community level with a view to delivering energy savings and socio-economic benefits. It will focus on those influencing how the community uses energy individually or collectively. Activities might include energy retrofits, renewable energy upgrades, behavioural change initiatives, development of energy cooperatives and energy master plans.

Buildings

Aimed at architects, developers, builders or building owners who can stimulate our sustainable energy transition through inspiring building design. Entries should be true exemplars which demonstrate the marriage of innovative, beautiful design with superior energy efficiency performance. The building must be constructed and occupied, preferably with occupant experiences reflected in the application.

Research

Aimed at individuals, academia, start-ups and inventors who have researched the potential for future energy demand reduction, enhanced renewable energy use or energy management practices. Research may involve the development of new systems, services, products or approaches. Entrants will detail the problem researched, the research outcome and the potential impact.

Renewable Energy

This award recognises a significant achievement in the deployment of renewable energy at scale in Ireland. Entrants should have exemplar projects which embrace all forms of innovation across industrial, commercial, residential or community. Among the criteria are replication potential, the degree of influence and, where relevant, the mix of renewable technologies deployed.

Up to

€10,000

bursary prize

What makes a winning entry

Winning entries will go well beyond the norms of sustainable energy best practice, excelling in some or all of these areas:

- Achieving multiple or tangible benefits
- Achieving significant energy demand reduction or clean energy deployment
- Robust implementation approach
- High levels of innovation
- Strong potential for replication

Find out about last year's winners at www.seai.ie/energyawards

How to enter

Entry forms must be completed online before Friday 8th June 2018 at www.seai.ie/energyawards

Application Guidance Notes are also available online.

Shortlisting and judging

Judging involves a process of shortlisting, final review and selection by expert and independent judging panels.

Gala event and winners

Successful finalists will be invited to a black tie gala event in Dublin on 25th October 2018 where the winners will be announced.

About the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

SEAI is Ireland's national energy authority investing in, and delivering, appropriate, effective and sustainable solutions to help Ireland's transition to a clean energy future. We work with Government, homeowners, businesses and communities to achieve this, through expertise, funding, educational programmes, policy advice, research and the development of new technologies.

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