

SDAR* Awards 2013 entry deadline

Short abstracts (between 100-200 words max) for entry into the SDAR* Awards 2013 must be submitted by Monday, 17 December 2012, by email directly to Michael McDonald and/or Kevin Kelly of DIT at michael.mcdonald@dit.ie and kevin.kelly@dit.ie

The SDAR* Awards is a joint initiative between CIBSE Ireland and DIT, supported by *bs news*, and sponsored by John Sisk & Son. The awards, which are gaining momentum each year, are unique in that they are intended to disseminate knowledge, encourage research in sustainable engineering of the built environment, and raise the quality of innovation in such projects. Entries are required to critically evaluate re-life data, and examine both successes and challenges within leading-edge projects throughout Ireland or further afield.

Collaborations between industry and academia allows the building services profession to develop and

underpin leading-edge work with evaluation. Post-occupancy evaluation is a major feature of this event. This facilitates the transition from ideologically-driven projects, sometimes offering poor value, to evidence-based innovations that prove value or identify weaknesses.

From the abstracts submitted by the Monday, 17 December 2012 deadline, a shortlist will be selected by peer review, and those selected will be invited to prepare final papers by January 2013.

Five papers were shortlisted in 2012, four of which were presented at the awards in March 2012 in DIT. The winner was James McConnologue from RTE, who presented a paper investigating the energy performance of a building's chilled water system (CHWS), primarily focusing on the system's direct electrical energy consumption. This research paper, along with others, will be published in the *SDAR* Journal* in the coming weeks – <http://arrow.dit.ie/sdar/>



Next year's final will take place on Thursday, 14 March 2013 in DIT, Kevin Street.

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