

Church Architecture Awards

In partnership with the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association

Please read these guidelines carefully.

You can find the form to submit your entry here:

<https://zealous.co/nationalchurchestrust/opportunity/King-of-Prussia-Gold-Medal-2023/>

<https://zealous.co/nationalchurchestrust/opportunity/Presidents-Award-2023/>

The closing date is 23 July 2023.

The King of Prussia Gold Medal

The King of Prussia Gold Medal is for innovative, high quality church conservation or repair work. The award is made on behalf of the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association.

Entry requirements

The King of Prussia Award is open to the architect or chartered surveyor on any scheme of repair for a church or chapel of any Christian denomination in the UK, in use for regular worship and over one hundred years old.

The Presidents' Award

The Presidents' Award is given for the best example of a new church building or for extensions to churches. The award is made on behalf of the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association.

Entry requirements

The Presidents' Award is open to projects at any church building of any Christian denomination across the UK. Projects are eligible if they have been completed within the last three years or after the Practical Completion stage of development.

Young Architect of the Year

The award is available to an architect who has been responsible for a shortlisted design for the King of Prussia Gold Medal or the Presidents' Award. Nominations can be made on both forms.

We had some wonderful submissions, and brilliant winners in 2022. For inspiration, see them here:

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards/winners-2022>



<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards/finalists-2022>

We will award one winner in each category and recognise one or two highly commended per category.

Entry requirements

The church architecture awards are different from our other categories in that it is usually architects and surveys who make the submission and win the prize. Architects and surveyors from any church, chapel or meeting house project may be nominated. This will enable us to celebrate the geographic spread of great work that exists in caring for churches across the UK.

However, we would also like to consider the churches for our Church of the Year award. Please ask the church to answer the questions in this section of the form.

Submission and judging process for all awards

- Start your submission with a title, brief description.
- You will need to upload at least 5 images on the submission page, and can add a description to each if you wish.
- Then, to apply you will need to complete the detailed submission form.
- As part of the form you will need to upload your maintenance plan.
- You will also be able to upload a film.
- You will be able to amend your submission up until the closing date.

Below are the questions, so that you can prepare your answers offline.

We have included questions for both awards here, as it might help you to judge which category your project is best suited for. Some questions are mandatory (marked with an asterisk), others are not. Some have a word limit, which is listed here.

Most of the questions relate specifically to this award. But there are some general questions about the church at the end. These help us to get an impression of their ethos, we will also use them if they agree to be considered for the Church of the Year.

Church of the Year

We, together with our partners, want to see amazing churches that are open and available for use.

We realise it's sometimes hard to raise yourself up and say that what you do is wonderful. But churches, chapels and meeting houses across the UK do brilliant things, and using the name 'Church of the Year' helps us to shed light on that.



Vibrant and valued churches are open for worship and well supported, have effective maintenance and engage well with volunteers. They offer a warm welcome to visitors, offer great spaces for community activities, and tell their stories in brilliant ways. This is what makes churches sustainable. You might not be there yet, but we want to hear how you are doing.

If the church you worked with would like to be considered for 'Church of the Year' please ask them to provide you with answers to the questions in the final section and tell us what makes the church special.

Questions

- Name of church or chapel * (15 word limit)
 - Address of church or chapel * (50 word limit)
 - Postcode of church or chapel * (5 word limit)

 - Name phone number and email address of a contact at the church * (75 word limit)
 - Denomination * (5 word limit)

 - Is the building listed. If so, please state the grade * (5 word limit)
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Name of the architectural or surveying practice
* (25 word limit)

Address of the architectural or surveying practice
* (75 word limit)

Email of the architectural or surveying practice
* (5 word limit)

Name and job title of the professional overseeing the project
* (10 word limit)

If the building is listed, does the professional have conservation accreditation as shown in the guidelines (desirable not mandatory)?
(yes/no)

Details of architect or surveyor under 40 or in the early stages of their career who worked on the project to be considered for young architect award.
Include their name, age, job title and full role description.
* (150 word limit)

Name and practice of principle contractor and other professional team members (e.g. quantity surveyor, structural engineer, mechanical engineer)?
* (150 word limit)



Type of construction contract?

* (15 word limit)

What was the total cost of the project (if known)?

* (15 word limit)

Please upload a plan / drawing of the project

Space to upload a second plan / drawing of the project if needed

Technical description of the project. If you are from the church, please check wording with your architect.

* (250 word limit)

How has it responded to a significant technical or aesthetic challenge?

* (250 word limit)

How does the project contribute to the need for environmental sustainability or seek to reduce the building's carbon footprint?

* (150 word limit)

What has been the impact of the project on the life of the church?

* (150 word limit)

King of Prussia Award questions:

Why is it a brilliant example of high quality church conservation or repair work?

* (250 word limit)

Presidents' Award questions:

Why is it a brilliant example of the best new church building (or re-ordering), extensions or alterations to existing church buildings?

* (250 word limit)

Have you used any innovative or new techniques?

* (150 word limit)

Church of the year questions (to be completed by church):

This section is about the church more generally, as we would love to know more about you. It will help us to get a wider picture of your ethos and activities.



Tell us about your church. What's your ethos and what's important to you?

* (150 word limit)

What kind of activities are you involved in, what difference are you making and what are you most proud of?

* (150 word limit)

How do you encourage people to get involved and engage in your activities?

* (150 word limit)

Brief description of your building's heritage / architecture

* (150 word limit)

Your building in numbers (include opening times, congregation size, number of services and community activities)

* (150 word limit)

Would you like to be considered for Church of the Year?

* (yes/no)

If yes, please tell us what makes your church special.

* (150 word limit)

