

RIBA National Awards



Thirty-two RIBA National Awards have just been announced. London dominates

Across the 17 London award winners there is an interesting cluster with three in the London Borough of Newham, all around the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, showing the ambition of cultural and university investment in the seventh most deprived local authority area in the UK.

Clients for these award-winning buildings

As ever the clients are as mixed as the projects themselves, though ambition is always high.

British Land continues to pioneer good architecture and high standards with two projects on the National Awards shortlist: Norton Folgate, an office-led development by a clutch of architects knitting old and new on the edge of the City of London, and housing at Canada Water.

Private clients make a significant contribution as drivers of design excellence – there are seven private houses on the awards list, including three for architects designing for themselves and

their families. These will go forward, along with others from the regional awards, to the House of the Year.

Education accounts for five of the projects: two from University College London (UCL), two from Cambridge Colleges and one private school.

There are no central government clients but, encouragingly, four local authorities make the list. East Hertfordshire District Council is one for its upgrade to the 1970s BEAM, with Bennetts Associates and Worcestershire County Council for the Kepax Footbridge with Moxon Architects.

Meanwhile Croydon’s brave attempt to build homes with its development company Brick by Brick, which was finally wound up this year, has a lasting legacy in the elegantly planned housing at Lion Green Road designed by Mary Duggan Architects and delivered by RUFF Architects.

And Southwark takes a prize for the Harold Moody Health Centre on the Aylesbury Estate, designed by Morris + Company. ■

2026 RIBA UK London Awards winners

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RIGHT:
Stiff + Trevillion’s exemplary department store refurbishment and retrofit challenges the prevailing climate of high-street decline, earning a 2026 UK RIBA London Award

BELOW:
Sited between dense urban areas and woodland, Morris+Company and White Ink’s affordable housing scheme offers exemplary design quality, winning a 2026 UK RIBA London Award

BELOW RIGHT:
Morris+Company’s pink concrete health centre is both a landmark civic building and a welcoming patient-focused space. It deservedly takes a 2026 UK RIBA London Award





LEFT: London Award and Conservation Award go to Squire & Partners et al for their BREEAM Outstanding office scheme that exemplifies adaptive reuse.

RIGHT: Allford Hall Monaghan Morris, Howells and Maccleanor Lavington deliver a benchmark-setting town-centre renewal scheme for a London Award

BELOW: Morris+Company has broken down the massing of this City fringe office block, skilfully reducing its perceived scale and impact, and winning it a 2026 UK RIBA London Award



TOP LEFT: 2026 UK RIBA London Award goes to Maich Swift Architects for its industrial-building-to-family-home conversion that sticks firmly to the principle of doing only what is necessary, and doing it well

ABOVE: This ambitious and multifaceted City-fringe office-led development, designed by Allford Hall Monaghan Morris, Stanton Williams, Morris+Company, DSDHA and East, has won a 2026 UK RIBA London Award

LEFT: Renzo Piano Building Workshop and Adamson Associates redefine arrival to one of London's most significant transport hubs and win a 2026 UK RIBA London Award



ABOVE: Coffey Architects creates a distinctive mixed-use scheme on a historic Bermondsey industrial site, bringing together residential and creative uses and winning a 2026 UK RIBA London Award

LEFT: Stanton Williams' giant academic building on the Olympic Park delivers a new vision for interdisciplinary teaching, learning and practice, winning a 2026 UK RIBA London Award as well as being named London Building of the Year

BELOW LEFT: Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands' combined student living and teaching spaces for UCL East is a highly sophisticated building that also welcomes non-students, winning a 2026 UK RIBA London Award

BELOW: Feilden Fowles reshapes the National History Museum's gardens into a living exhibition, earning a London Award and Project Architect of the Year



ABOVE LEFT: Levitt Bernstein's Passivhaus council housing development combines humanity, propriety and good design, winning a 2026 UK RIBA London Award as well as the London Sustainability Award

LEFT: O'Donnell + Tuomey's dance theatre and school of choreography at the Olympic Park presents a sense of accessibility to the whole community, winning a 2026 UK RIBA London Award

ABOVE: An imaginative act of urban intervention on the unused roof of a Victorian warehouse brings David Kohn Architects a 2026 UK RIBA London Award

