



**SCOTTISH CIVIC TRUST  
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**AWARDS TO CELEBRATE THE PEOPLE WHO TRANSFORM PLACES**

The people who have improved their local communities through building renovations, public space projects or great design will be celebrated by the My Place Awards, whose nominations close on 22 February.

The awards, run by the Scottish Civic Trust, are a national celebration of local design and conservation where entries are nominated not by industry figures but by the local people who live amongst the buildings and projects under consideration.

The awards will celebrate the best projects from this year and past projects that have been most successful over the long term.

The awards will include a young people's photography competition to reward those of school age who use photos to express their thoughts and feelings about the heritage, buildings and archaeology around them.

**Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government Aileen Campbell said:**

*"The My Place Awards highlight the great value of places that serve the specific needs and aspirations of the communities in which they are set. Importantly the awards also recognise the immense commitment shown by organisations, individuals and local people to change their places for the better."*

*"These awards celebrate projects that make a significant difference to local life in Scotland, and the Scottish Government is delighted to once again support them."*

**Chair of award organiser the Scottish Civic Trust Colin McLean said:**

*"Local groups and societies are the lifeblood of Scotland's civic movement and My Place will support and recognise their achievements."*

**My Place Awards**

The My Place Awards, supported by the Scottish Government, celebrate buildings, landscape, public realm and civic projects that have had a positive impact in local neighbourhoods, and have delivered tangible benefits for their communities.

Entries in all categories will be assessed on their architectural, heritage and/or place making benefits.

The 2019 My Place Awards will also introduce a new category, the Sustainability Award, which will consider community-led buildings and projects which were completed 10 years (completed in the year 2009) and 25 years ago (completed in the year 1994) and their continued fitness for purpose, development and community use/benefit.

Nominations for the 2019 My Place Awards are now open and can be made online at [myplacescotland.org.uk/my-place-awards-entry/](http://myplacescotland.org.uk/my-place-awards-entry/)

The closing date for entries is **22 February 2019**.

### **My Place Photography Competition**

The My Place Photography Competition, supported by Historic Environment Scotland, is a built environment photographic project for school-aged young people throughout Scotland. It allows them to express their thoughts, experiences and perspectives on the heritage, buildings and archaeology around them.

Entries can be made online at [myplacescotland.org.uk/my-place-photography-member-registration](http://myplacescotland.org.uk/my-place-photography-member-registration)

The closing date for entries is **22 February 2019**.

### **Chair of the Scottish Civic Trust, Colin McLean said:**

*“The My Place Awards and My Place Photography Competition celebrate the built environment and aim to empower Scotland’s communities. Local groups and societies are the lifeblood of Scotland’s civic movement and My Place will support and recognise their achievements. I am delighted that the Trust is celebrating their successes.*

### **Notes for editors**

#### **The Scottish Civic Trust**

The Scottish Civic Trust was set up in 1967, to help people connect to their built heritage and take a leading role in guiding its development. In its infancy, it successfully campaigned for the restoration of Edinburgh’s New Town and can also claim credit for saving New Lanark and bringing Doors Open Days to the United Kingdom.

Through supporting amenity groups, the Trust’s original objectives were:

- Well-informed public concern for the environment of town and country
- High quality in planning and in new architecture
- The conservation and, where necessary, adaptation for re-use of older buildings of distinction or historic interest
- Knowledgeable and therefore effective comment in planning matters
- The elimination of ugliness, whether resulting from social deprivation, bad design or neglect

**Historic Environment Scotland** is the lead public body established to investigate, care for and promote Scotland’s historic environment. They are responsible for more than 300 properties of national importance, which combined drew in over 5 million visitors last year. Their conservation experts provide guidance, training and technical research into Scotland’s built environment. Through their outreach programme, Historic Environment Scotland promotes community and individual learning engagement with Scotland’s heritage. They contribute to the Scottish Government’s strategy to tackle climate change and reduce Scotland’s carbon footprint.

## **The Heritage Lottery Fund**

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### **Further Information**

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