**BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards 2024**

**Biodiversity Champion Awards Entry Form**

Welcome to the BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards! We invite you to nominate one person who has demonstrably gone the extra mile to enrich and enhance biodiversity.

Nominators will be asked to submit a short summary outlining the reasons why this person has been nominated and illustrating how they achieve the six key qualities needed to become a BIG Biodiversity Champion.

**Key dates**

* The deadline for entries is **Friday 24 May 2024 at 17:00**. Please complete and return the nomination form and supporting materials (high resolution images) to [bigawards@ciria.org](mailto:bigawards@ciria.org?subject=BIG%20Biodiversity%20Champion%202024).
* The shortlist will be announced in **July 2024**; we will inform the primary contact for each successful entry.
* The shortlist will be invited to provide a short video about how they are championing biodiversity that prompted their nomination to the Challenge to be shared at the awards ceremony and more widely as part of our post-awards marketing campaign including via social media and on [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info). The shortlist will not be judged on the video.
* The winners will be revealed at the in-person [awards ceremony](https://www.ciria.org/CIRIA/Navigation/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=E24105) on **Wednesday 25 September 2024** (provisional date).

**Entry guidelines**

* Nominating candidates is free.
* Personal data is gathered in accordance with [CIRIA's privacy policy](https://www.ciria.org/About/Privacy_policy.aspx).
* Anyone can submit a nomination: the nominee, the employer (independent of or jointly with the nominee), or someone from another organisation.
* Entries should not be used to:
  + promote goods and services ([CIRIA](http://www.ciria.org) can encourage generic technology/processes but cannot accept registered trademarks in any submitted case study or illustrations) or
  + promote any political agenda
* In submitting your nomination, you understand that we will publish all submissions (including images) on [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info) and content may be shared elsewhere by [CIRIA](http://www.ciria.org). If you (or your nominee and their project partners) do not agree to this, please clearly state the restrictions that apply to your submission.

**Biodiversity Champion** **awards categories**

* Biodiversity Champion: Early career professional (up to five years in biodiversity-related work)
* Biodiversity Champion: Established professional (more than five years in biodiversity-related work)

**Judging criteria**

An independent panel of judges will review all nominations based on the following six key qualities to become a BIG Biodiversity Champion.

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| **Quality** | **Description** |
| **Engaging** | Someone who is inclusive, who communicates by listening as well as speaking |
| **Inspiring** | Someone who motivates others with honour, integrity, and courage |
| **Enthusiastic** | Someone who shares their enthusiasm about biodiversity with others, who perseveres and strives to achieve positive outcomes on projects |
| **Creative** | Someone who is prepared to seek solutions when faced with challenges, who looks for opportunities and innovative ways to overcome hurdles |
| **Knowledgeable** | Someone who understands their subject, who increases their knowledge and awareness as they progress, and disseminates that knowledge to others |
| **Outcomes driven** | Someone who demonstrates their positive biodiversity impacts |

If you have any queries about [BIG Biodiversity Challenge](http://www.bigchallenge.info) or the entry process, please email [bigawards@ciria.org](mailto:bigawards@ciria.org).

Thank you for your interest in the [BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards 2024](https://www.bigchallenge.info/enter-the-2024-challenge). Best of luck!

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1. **Nominator details**

Our primary contact throughout the awards cycle will be the person who made the submission. If you would prefer us to liaise with someone else after nominating, please inform [bigawards@ciria.org](mailto:bigawards@ciria.org).

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| Name |  |
| Company |  |
| Job title |  |
| Email address |  |

1. **Nominee details**

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| Name |  |
| Company |  |
| Job title |  |
| Email address |  |
| Headshot photo (low resolution) |  |

1. **Awards category**

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| Awards category | **Early career professional**  Up to five years in biodiversity-related work  **Established professional**  More than five years in biodiversity-related work |
| How many years in biodiversity-related work |  |
| Project(s) person is nominated for |  |

1. **Biodiversity Champion qualities**

Describe how the nominee demonstrate the following criteria (50 words max each).

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| Engaging |  |
| Inspiring |  |
| Enthusiastic |  |
| Creative |  |
| Knowledgeable |  |
| Outcomes driven |  |

1. **Biodiversity Champion details**

Summarise how this nominee has gone the extra mile to enrich and enhance biodiversity on this project, specifically addressing the judging criteria. (100 words max)

You may provide supporting evidence separately however this may not be considered during the judging process.

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