

LDA Design Bursary Challenge: Be a climate changemaker

The climate emergency changes everything. It is the ultimate challenge of our generation and those to follow. Our response needs to be urgent and radical – viable and visionary, for people and for planet. All those working in the built environment need to work together with design reaching across the technical, social and political for better solutions.

So, it's inevitable that designing for the climate and nature emergencies be at the heart of this year's LDA Design Bursary competition.

We want you to reimagine an existing piece of town or city or conjure up a new piece of city. It might be a network of streets, a square, park or waterfront, or at a larger scale, a neighbourhood or new settlement. How can it better respond to climate breakdown and biodiversity loss and at the same time be more liveable for people? How can climate drive better placemaking? What needs to change? How can we make our high streets and open spaces work much harder for nature? We want your design thinking to be bold and multi-faceted. We want you to think about energy, water, the circular economy, the micro and the macro. How can the local community, businesses and makers shape your design?

In your submission, please describe your climate-focussed place in any way you wish, through illustration (2 x A2 max), or illustration + words (one image + 1,000-word limit), or video (five minutes max).

If you are excited by this challenge, then we would love to hear from you.

Assessing responses to this challenge

In assessing entries, we will be looking for evidence of connecting people and place through landscape, and for ideas that challenge the status quo, and which reflect and respond to LDA Design's [values](#).

The judges will use five criteria:

1. New thinking on the environmental challenges facing society is at the heart of the response.
2. People, their wellbeing and needs must be central too.
3. Solutions are responsive to the place and context.
4. A creative and innovative approach is demonstrated in both ideas and their communication.
5. A beautiful and delightful place would be created, where people would love to be.

Responses will be evaluated depending on levels of experience.

We will take great care in making our decisions to award and all decisions are final. If you are successful, we will ask for your CV. The award is conditional on your enrolling and/or continuing with your degree or post-graduate studies in the UK.

The deadline for submissions is Monday 22 November at midnight. Please email or WeTransfer your entry and your completed application form to: bursaries@lda-design.co.uk

Good luck.