

## And the winner is...

Quantity Surveying student, Elsie North, has won the 2011 Women in Property National Student Awards. Nominated by her tutor at Kingston University, Elsie has seen off competition from nine other first rate national finalists and a further 49 students from across the UK, in the regional heats.

The announcement was made at the 'Best of Best' awards dinner held at Claridge's on 27th September before a 250- strong audience drawn from the UK's property and construction industry, including representatives from national sponsors Byrne Group and Jones Lang LaSalle.

Elsie received a crystal trophy and a cheque for £700 from Paul Salmon of Byrne Group, one of the Award's national sponsors. She is studying her degree course while working for Faithful+Gould, so has benefitted from first hand experience on projects and with clients.



2011 Winner Elsie North  
with Cathy Stewart and Monique Royle

The judges spoke highly of all the finalists, who collectively made the decision making extremely difficult for the panel. They were impressed with Elsie's refreshing and warmly confident approach, in particular some of her responses to the panel, "We know we are high risk but employers must trust young people, trust us to do the job"...and "What inspires me? Seeing the projects I've worked on being built."

Such was the standard of finalists this year that the judges decided to make two further awards, giving the accolade of Highly Commended to Gillian Steele studying Architectural Engineering at Cardiff University and Lise-Ann Brennan studying Architecture at Birmingham Institute of Art & Design.

Congratulations to these three and to all our finalists this year.

## Learning on the job



Monique Royle  
National Chairman

We have been encouraged by the tenacity of our students this year in gaining work experience. In the current climate, achieving a work placement is no mean feat, so well done to them. Clearly a well executed placement will be of tremendous benefit to the student but we are well aware that, for time- and budget-strapped employers, they don't always see it the same way. It can be hard to justify staff time to mentor and monitor students.

If this sounds like your predicament, we

would urge you to think again. With some upfront planning and a proper job description, working alongside a student can reap real rewards. They bring a fresh approach to projects, a new insight into problems and will give your permanent staff the opportunity to supervise, project manage and evaluate their role. All in all a worthwhile experience for all concerned. And with talented young women such as our regional and national finalists out there, you could find yourself a future member of the team.

# The Class of 2011 meet this year's Awards finalists

59 students were nominated by 38 UK Universities for this year's Awards programme. Thank you to all who took part and congratulations to our ten finalists. In addition to our national winner, Elsie North, they are...



## Central Scotland

### Sarah Beth Riley

Studying Architecture and Urban Design at Glasgow School of Art

#### Judges' comment

*"A 'get up and go' mentality, showed strong assertiveness, an honest approach and willingness to learn"*



## East Midlands

### Yvonne Marangwanda

Studying Quantity Surveying at Nottingham Trent University

#### Judges' comment

*"Her enthusiasm and motivation was infectious and refreshing to see, demonstrated tenacity and perseverance"*



## HIGHLY COMMENDED

## Midlands

### Lise-Ann Brennan

Studying Architecture at Birmingham Institute of Art and Design

#### Judges' comment

*"Good use of analogy and anecdotes, a good knowledge about the industry and markets"*



## Northern Scotland

### Pamela Robertson

Studying Architectural Technology at Robert Gordon University

#### Judges' comment

*"Ambitious and quietly confident, she knew her subject and had researched thoroughly. Her design flair shone through"*



## North West

### Charlotte Robinson

Studying Architecture at Manchester School of Architecture

#### Judges' comment

*"Intelligent, articulate and committed to her discipline, not only knowledgeable of her discipline but also the wider world"*



## South East

### Jessica Dabrowski

Studying Building Surveying at the University of Reading

#### Judges' comment

*"Thoroughly professional and prepared approach, great determination and ambition"*



## HIGHLY COMMENDED

## South Wales

### Gillian Steele

Studying MEng Architectural Engineering at Cardiff University

#### Judges' comment

*"Inspiring interest in climate change and natural disasters, demonstrated by her ability to secure a placement in New Zealand."*



## South West

### Hollie Deverell

Studying Architecture at the University of Plymouth

#### Judges' comment

*"Thorough knowledge and passion for her chosen discipline, a practical understanding of best practice"*



## Yorkshire and North East

### Bethan Lewis

Studying BSc Building Surveying at Sheffield Hallam University

#### Judges' comment

*"A commercial awareness not only of what was happening in terms of current trends but also how people run a successful business"*

## Awards finalists gain work experience at Raynes Architecture.



Two architecture students have gained invaluable work experience as a result of participating in the Student Awards programme. Lisa Raynes, of Raynes Architecture and a former Chairman of Women in Property North West, was invited to judge the 2011 student awards, where she was given a showcase of the best of the North West property students.

Impressed by their talent and enthusiasm, she invited two of the brightest architectural students to join her for work placements during the summer. Charlotte Robinson is studying Architecture at Manchester School of Architecture and was announced winner of the North West Student Awards this year. Eleanor Winder is studying Architecture Design Technology at Salford University and is a finalist in the North West Awards. "The girls are like a shot of espresso!" said Lisa, "Their enthusiasm is motivational. I love the intelligent banter offering a completely fresh point of view and they have assisted on 'real life' schemes, so they have gained valuable experience. The Awards programme offers real opportunities to students and employers alike - I would encourage other businesses to take a close look at this scheme and the talented group of young women it identifies. There are some real stars of the future."

## Education programme diary dates

### South East

#### 5 October 2011

University of Greenwich "Build your future: Property & Construction Fair"

#### 1 November 2011

University of Westminster "Property & Construction Careers Fair"

Further details will become available on [www.womeninproperty.org.uk](http://www.womeninproperty.org.uk)