

Launch of Architect's Eye: a photography competition for architects

Architect's Eye, a competition which judges architects' photography skills, has now been launched. It is open to all qualified architects practising in the UK and is split into two distinct categories: Architecture and Place and Architecture and People. The former focuses solely on the aesthetics of the architecture and places it creates, while the latter explores and celebrates the interaction of people with the environments created by architects.

There are no restrictions on which buildings qualify for the competition. Any building can be used whether it be iconic or uninspiring, celebrated or pilloried.

A brainchild of International Arts Consultants (IAC), the award is now being held for the third time. IAC developed the idea for the competition from observing architects' enthusiasm for photographing buildings. Photography is an important part of all architects' education and continuing professional development and is taught on most architecture courses in the UK.

Alex Heath, Managing Director of International Arts Consultants said: "The competition is now in its third year and its growing success reflects architects' continued commitment and increasing ability to capture images of the places which inspire them."

Architect's Eye is being judged by Jack Pringle (Chairman of Pringle Brandon Architects), Keith Priest (Fletcher Priest Architects), Amanda Baillieu (Editor of Building Design), leading architectural photographers Grant Smith and George Kavanagh, Nick Scott (Chair of Applied and Professional Panel, Royal Photographic Society) and Dr Irena Murray (Sir Banister Fletcher Director, British Architectural Library).

The competition is sponsored by Building Design and specialist property marketing consultancy tta Group, supported by the Royal Photographic Society and organised by International Art Consultants.

The closing date for competition entries is **Monday 12th September 2011** with an exhibition of Finalists and award ceremony taking place in November 2011.

Further information on Architect's Eye, including application forms for entries, can be found at www.architectseye.co.uk.