

SURF Awards 2020 recognise Edinburgh regeneration projects

SURF is Scotland's Regeneration Forum and this year they have just announced the shortlist for the 2020 awards.

From over 50 applications from Shetland to Dumfries and Galloway the 20 judges have refined that to a list of 15 projects. These include housing projects, and the work being done to support those in need as a result of Covid-19.

The forum works with over 300 member organisations and with The Scottish Government.

In Edinburgh the judges have chosen two projects, [Community Renewal Trust: Youth Employability Team](#) and [Bridgend Farmhouse Community Hub](#).

The judging panel will now conduct virtual tours of the shortlisted projects during October to understand what they are doing and what situations they are responding to.

Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, Aileen Campbell, said: "In this exceptionally challenging year, we have seen an unprecedented response from Scotland's communities. They have supported each other like never before. I am delighted that this year's Awards recognise those who have truly gone above and beyond for those most in need. The care and compassion shown by these communities is inspiring and will help us to emerge from the

COVID -19 pandemic stronger and even more together.”

SURF Chief Executive Andy Milne said: “This has been no ordinary year for anyone, or for the SURF Awards. Community based regeneration projects have shown not just how creative and vital they are in a real emergency. They have also demonstrated how much more could be achieved by sharing local knowledge and supporting community assets in new and longer term partnerships.”

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