

MAYOR OF LONDON



On the 28th May 2014, London City Hall hosted a celebratory awards event to celebrate the work of individuals, communities and professionals to protect, improve and expand the capital's tree and woodland cover.

Matthew Pencharz (the Mayor's Environment Advisor) and Ian Gambles (Forestry Commission England Director) attended the event and congratulated everyone in London for their hard work.



Annie Chipchase (RE:LEAF Acorn Award winner), Russell Miller (Tree Musketeers) and members of the Hackney Tree People (Community Tree Award winner) receiving their award from Ian Gambles (FC England Director) and Matthew Pencharz (Mayor's Senior Environment Advisor)

For photographs from the event visit our [Flickr](#) page. We have also produced case studies for some of the winners to highlight their achievements and inspire others – click on the links below for further information.

Craig Harrison, Forestry Commission London Manager, said "Yet again the awards show the fantastic range of innovative projects involved in planting and managing London's urban forest. There is a wealth of community commitment – residents, businesses and other organisations - to deliver local tree and woodland projects. I hope they will inspire others to do similar elsewhere in London, to help maintain the city's reputation as one of the most attractive, green and investable cities in the world"

The aims of the awards are:

- To celebrate the work of individuals, communities and professionals to protect, improve and expand the capital's tree and woodland cover
- To inspire others to manage their trees and woodlands
- To raise the profile of London's trees / woodlands and the need for management
- To promote other complimentary initiatives that contribute to the RE:LEAF vision

Award results

[Annie Chipchase](#) won the RE:LEAF Acorn Award

for 25 years of dedication to increasing and improving Hackneys treescape. Annie is the linchpin of the community tree nursery, teaching volunteers and changing people's views of trees.

Highly commended: Russell Miller

[The Hackney Tree People won the Community Tree Award](#)

for a long term project that has engaged numerous partnerships and communities in the planting and management of Hackney's trees. The professional implementation of the project and innovative approaches such as the Tree Calendar were particularly noted.

[Haringey Woodlands won the Community Woodland Award](#)

for exemplary woodland management in an urban area. It highlights the ability to carry out productive and biodiversity improving operations in a sustainable manner, with the support and involvement of the local community.

[The Blue Tree Project, by Trees for Cities and City of London won the RE:LEAF Creative Award](#)

for a thought provoking art project that raised awareness of the trees in central London that are normally taken for granted on a day to day basis. It provided the opportunity to explain the issues and opportunities of urban trees and generate new volunteer interest.

Highly Commended: Photo – "Hyde Park Sunset" by Colleen O'Sullivan

[The Lane & Vale Tree Coalition won the Street Tree Award](#)

for a project that was driven by local businesses and residents, with innovative community engagement via social media

Highly commended: [Bankside Urban Forest](#), Lambeth Street Trees (Trees for Cities and Lambeth Council)

[Transforming Well Wood won the Tree Council Trees and Learning Award](#)

for the engagement of children through interactive woodland workshops, logo design for the woodland trail, improved access and tree planting works.

Highly Commended: [St Saviours School](#)

[Al Smith of Camden Borough won the London Tree Officers Association Individual Commitment Award](#)

for his long term professional dedication to arboriculture and urban forestry in London, making Camden a beacon of urban forest management. The Committee and awards panel were particularly impressed by his leading role in developing tree management systems, including the use of innovative GIS and field based technology. Nominations highlighted the training and mentoring role that Al has provided to numerous tree officers coming through the Camden ranks, and his support for the LTOA over many years.

The 2014 Awards were organised by the Forestry Commission and Mayor of London, with support from a range of RE:LEAF partners

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