

## What is... the RSA Environment Awards Forum?



The ***RSA Environment Awards Forum*** is another of those undiscovered gems of the RSA Fellowship which exemplifies the rich variety of approaches found within its membership. It is a network of expertise consisting of NGOs, government agencies, award schemes, media partners and consultants, many of whom are RSA Fellows. It offers an opportunity for interested parties to make links, network, learn from one another, and potentially work collaboratively in driving forward the agenda and making best use of RSA resources.

The Forum created and maintains a powerful online platform providing a searchable database of over 400 environmental awards. It provides information regarding all environmental award schemes in the UK, their aims and how to become involved with them. It encourages the creation of new awards and provides guidance and advice on best practice for running award schemes.

Awards are the embodiment of the carrot approach at a time when we hear far more about the sticks. Because Awards are important, they are undermined if they are perceived as weak, illogical, lacking in transparency or similarly devalued by a critical public.

The ***RSA Accreditation Scheme***, created by the Forum and supported by DEFRA, is recognised as one of the 'best in class' across the EU and beyond. It is where the broad range of disciplines, professional experience and sectoral representation within the Forum forms the necessary bedrock on which to base an evaluation framework that ensures UK Awards remain robust, credible and exemplary.

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