

STUDENT AWARD - Clare Newman

Clare has won the 2007 Bristol Civic Society Award for an outstanding piece of work by a student in the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of the West of England.

We congratulate her for her hard work and dedication to her subject.



The project for my final year Design Studio was to design a Generic Passenger Ferry Terminal which could be flexible enough to adapt to two very different, very challenging sites.

The sites were not released to us until the middle of the second semester. Although we knew the location of the sites, the challenge was to try and design this terminal building without any influence coming from a specific site. This meant that flexibility and adaptability of use were the key.

To begin the design process it was important to understand the brief and spaces to be included in the design. So many design days were spent designing internal spaces, thought through to the minor details. It was also important to understand the meaning of 'generic' and where in real life 'generic' buildings are appropriate, such as in retail and restaurants.

The project progressed well through enthusiastic and directed guidance from the tutors, who encouraged us to produce a very well resolved scheme before adapting each to sites in London and Falmouth. Both sites

had many restrictions and were restrained and sensitive in their own ways. This made the planning applications that we produced, particularly difficult.

The strategy directing my two personal schemes was to create a direct fast-route on to the ferry through the centre of the building, which was transparent allowing a glimpse of the ferry from the street. This dictated a long rectangular building, with four floors accommodating all the spaces in the brief.

Adapting a generic design was not only a challenging project in terms of timescale, but was also an unusual project for a final year Part 1 Architecture student, in my opinion. However, it was satisfying to see two well resolved buildings from everyone at the final crit. It was not until the designs were both presented together that I realised the outcome of the year and also the significance of having resolved a flexible 'generic' design.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Our 'panel' has selected 7 winners this year and the ceremony to celebrate will be held at :The Paintworks, Bath Road, Tuesday November 13th at 11.0 a.m.

And the winners are:

- * The Paintworks, Bath Road
- * The Vassall Centre, Fishponds
- * Cabot Homes, Malvern Court, Redland
- * Mina Road Park, St Werburghs
- * The Witherwood Centre
- * 6 Redland Court Road
- * Hartcliffe Early Years



The ceremony will be hosted by our Chairman, John Payne. Keith Warmington, BBC Radio Bristol, will present the awards to representatives from the winning sites. Our Sponsors, Bristol Water will be present and the Evening Post will report on the event.

Members are very welcome but please call me or email if you want to come.

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