

BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards 2024

Biodiversity Champion Awards Entry Form

Welcome to the BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards! We invite you to nominate one person who has demonstrably gone the extra mile to enrich and enhance biodiversity.

Nominators will be asked to submit a short summary outlining the reasons why this person has been nominated and illustrating how they achieve the six key qualities needed to become a BIG Biodiversity Champion.

Key dates

- The deadline for entries is **Friday 7 June 2024 at 17:00**. Please complete and return the nomination form and supporting materials (high resolution images) to bigawards@ciria.org.
- The shortlist will be announced in **July 2024**; we will inform the primary contact for each successful entry.
- The shortlist will be invited to provide a short video about how they are championing biodiversity that prompted their nomination to the Challenge to be shared at the awards ceremony and more widely as part of our post-awards marketing campaign including via social media and on www.bigchallenge.info. The shortlist will not be judged on the video.
- The winners will be revealed at the in-person [awards ceremony](#) on **Wednesday 25 September 2024** (provisional date).

Entry guidelines

- Nominating candidates is free.
- Personal data is gathered in accordance with [CIRIA's privacy policy](#).
- Anyone can submit a nomination: the nominee, the employer (independent of or jointly with the nominee), or someone from another organisation.
- Entries should not be used to:
 - promote goods and services ([CIRIA](#) can encourage generic technology/processes but cannot accept registered trademarks in any submitted case study or illustrations) or
 - promote any political agenda
- In submitting your nomination, you understand that we will publish all submissions (including images) on www.bigchallenge.info and content may be shared elsewhere by [CIRIA](#). If you (or your nominee and their project partners) do not agree to this, please clearly state the restrictions that apply to your submission.

Biodiversity Champion awards categories

- Biodiversity Champion: Early career professional (up to five years in biodiversity-related work)
- Biodiversity Champion: Established professional (more than five years in biodiversity-related work)

Judging criteria

An independent panel of judges will review all nominations based on the following six key qualities to become a BIG Biodiversity Champion.

Quality	Description
Engaging	Someone who is inclusive, who communicates by listening as well as speaking
Inspiring	Someone who motivates others with honour, integrity, and courage
Enthusiastic	Someone who shares their enthusiasm about biodiversity with others, who perseveres and strives to achieve positive outcomes on projects
Creative	Someone who is prepared to seek solutions when faced with challenges, who looks for opportunities and innovative ways to overcome hurdles
Knowledgeable	Someone who understands their subject, who increases their knowledge and awareness as they progress, and disseminates that knowledge to others
Outcomes driven	Someone who demonstrates their positive biodiversity impacts

If you have any queries about [BIG Biodiversity Challenge](#) or the entry process, please email bigawards@ciria.org.

Thank you for your interest in the [BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards 2024](#). Best of luck!

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1. Nominator details

Our primary contact throughout the awards cycle will be the person who made the submission. If you would prefer us to liaise with someone else after nominating, please inform bigawards@ciria.org.

Name	Duncan Hill
Company	Galago by Ramboll
Job title	Sustainability Innovation Associate
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2. Nominee details

Name	Mike Rawitch
Company	Ramboll
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Headshot photo (low resolution)	

3. Awards category

Awards category	<input type="checkbox"/> Early career professional Up to five years in biodiversity-related work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Established professional More than five years in biodiversity-related work
How many years in biodiversity-related work	9 years
Project(s) person is nominated for	DFW- Nature Positive at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

4. Biodiversity Champion qualities

Describe how the nominee demonstrate the following criteria (50 words max each).

Engaging	A great storyteller, Mike has deep experience captivating audiences with a great wealth of experience presenting on panels, leading sessions at conferences and even featuring on videos across online media.
Inspiring	Mike is a driven leader and leads a team of more than 20 people. He motivates at every chance and emphasizes the cause that we stand for - promoting biodiversity.
Enthusiastic	Mike motivates and fills the room with an uplifting spirit, honouring those in his team whenever he can.
Creative	Mikes creative flair shows in his love for the great outdoors, his passion for nature and his ability to craft an engaging story.
Knowledgeable	Mike is recognised globally as a GIS expert, having co-founded and led a GIS team
Outcomes driven	Leading a team in a corporate environment requires a pursuit of results to achieve revenue goals to maintain funding. The growth of galago in both staff and revenue showcases Mikes outcome driven approach.

5. Biodiversity Champion details

Summarise how this nominee has gone the extra mile to enrich and enhance biodiversity on this project, specifically addressing the judging criteria. (100 words max)

You may provide supporting evidence separately however this may not be considered during the judging process.

Mike's contribution to DFW Nature Positive Project, was the creation of Galago's innovative biodiversity dashboard and baseline. These solutions sought scientifically rigorous but efficient data collection, while also showcasing results in a creative and intuitive manner. Mikes leadership of Galago - the Ramboll team that carried out this task, resulted in the delivery of something truly unique and inspiring. This project required a deep knowledge of biodiversity, GIS, site management and team leadership.

For more info about Mike, please see:
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/mikerawitch/>

