UKSPA AWARDS 2017 - shortlisted nominations

Environmental Sustainability Award – sponsored by Innovation Birmingham

Plymouth Science Park
1 Research Way is a development employing the latest design in collaborative and communal workspace with some unique structural features. The building is a clear statement of success and attracts aspirational businesses who see Plymouth Science Park as the “go to place” for their business.

University of Nottingham Innovation Park
Sustainable development is key to the whole innovation park and represents a 20 year commitment with £250m investment to transform a former brownfield industrial site. UNIP is a beacon of uncompromising commitment to environmental and economic sustainability.

Exeter Science Park
Not simply a centre of excellence for science and technology in the South West, Exeter Science Park has been embodying sustainability and green practices as a central component to the parks philosophy, and also more widely within their tenant community.

BDP
Zero-Carbon design at The University of East Anglia’s Enterprise Centre on Norwich Research Park has set a new environmental benchmark for Innovation Facilities. Already widely recognised as an exemplar and for raising the bar for sustainable design, this nomination recognises BDP for their engineering and lighting work on the Enterprise Centre.

UKSPA Best Project Award - sponsored by IASP

Creative Places – Cambridge Biomedical Campus
Recognised for their pivotal role in the development of the truly outstanding and globally recognised Biomedical Campus project in Cambridge, Creative Places helped secure over £40m of private sector, and £500m property investment. The project put in place partnerships and collaborations for soft infrastructure development to deliver a place where science and translation will have massive impact.

Sussex Innovation Centre: Catalyst
The Catalyst scheme harnesses the skills and talents of graduates that are often under-utilised by science parks and innovation centres. This scheme has proven impact having supported over 100 growing business and 300 projects. With effective use of public money, it delivers a project where everyone wins - the Innovation Centre, members, the University, and of course the graduates themselves.

Generation Innovation (GI) –Catalyst Inc
GI provides a bridge for from education into the knowledge economy in Northern Ireland, and puts young people at the heart of an inspirational network of experienced entrepreneurs, universities and employers. The project has created a dynamic “coalition of the willing” that has energised and stimulated student’s imaginations and aspirations and become entrepreneurs.

Sci-Tech Daresbury – Open Week
12 months in the planning, Open Week opened their site over several days to thousands of visitors, and reached out to a diverse audience in order to establish relationships to further support the
strategic growth of the campus, and to maximise use of the site facilities. The event is the epitome of deep public engagement, and strength of the project impact will last for years to come.

UKSPA Setting the Pace Award – sponsored by Breakthrough

BioCity

Housing over 200 companies across 4 locations and proving a business survival rate of 91%, and a 6.7x return on investment, BioCity is more than just a base for business. It is truly a centre of excellence pioneering a holistic approach to help businesses start, test the market, collaborate, raise finance and exit.

ILS Swansea

ILS is an exemplar of what the science park movement can achieve when industry, academia and government work in partnership to transform a region. Seen to be setting the pace in the development of a Life Sciences and Health cluster, the ILS has become the blueprint for a £1.3bn City Deal and has so far created over 800 high value jobs, 35+ new businesses and scores of major collaborations.

Manchester Science Partnerships

MSP continues to seek new opportunities and provide commercially creative ways of doing business. Leading on many projects in the city, such as the Internet of Things city demonstrator, Mi-Idea, Manchester’s Tech Hub, and Citylabs. MSP is clearly at the forefront of the science and technology economy in Manchester, and believes in the power of partnerships and is a model to be recognised and applauded throughout the UK.

Oxford Innovation

21 Innovation centres, managing over 440,000 sq ft and supporting nearly 1000 customers, Oxford Innovation are committed to delivering Innovation Centres and Incubation environments that deliver great working places for customers to succeed. OI have a unique insight into the economic political and funding landscape for start-ups, and a proven track-record of success where their network of Innovation Directors work tirelessly to seek collaborative opportunities for their customers.

SETsquared at the University of Southampton

Despite government encouragement of HEI’s to commercially exploit research programmes, the SETsquared team felt a considerable amount of Post-Doctoral talent and innovative Intellectual Property was still being lost. The Early Careers Researchers, and the Innovation to Commercialisation of University Research Programmes provided the mechanisms to address this problem. 117 teams, 410 academics, business advisors and university staff have secured over 6200 new industry contacts with additional funding of £22m being raised with proven widespread economic benefits.

Sci-Tech Daresbury

95% of Sci-Tech Daresbury’s firms have achieved 3 year business survival rates, average sales growth rates of 30% p.a. over the past 5 years with 41% of these sales overseas. As a regional and national innovation hub it hosts 25,000 visitors p.a., and a proven £163m GVA impact to the UK. Facilitating a host of business support programmes, the Park has demonstrated impressive success through using its holistic approach to assist companies in tackling business critical issues.