



People's Park Pavilion wins award



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THE People's Park Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire, designed by Howley Hayes Architects has won a coveted RIAI Architecture Award in the Best Commercial/Retail Building category.

This year's RIAI Architecture awards received 180 entries - the highest in five years - across various categories with 52 shortlisted.

Carole Pollard, President of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, said: "We were delighted to see such an extraordinary diverse range of projects entered into the 2016 RIAI Architecture Awards - which showcases the best in Irish architecture.

"We are also delighted to see the great ambition of Irish architects like Grafton Architects the winner of the Best Education and International Building with Arena for Learning UTEC University, Lima, in Peru and the Faaborg Swimming Platform in Denmark as Best Public Space/Urban Design designed by Urban

Agency/Klar, JDS, Creo Arkitekter, Sloth Møller."

The RIAI hosted the awards ceremony in Royal Hospital Kilmainham. Among the winners were Civic Offices, Roscommon County Council, as designed by ABK Architects who won Best Public Building; while St Angela's College, Cork by O'Donnell + Tuomey won Best Educational Building.

The jury selected 18 winners, 13 Highly Commended and 24 Commended awards.

In advance of the awards, president of the RIAI, Carole Pollard, announced that Public Space & Sculpture, Westport by Simon Wall, Architects Section, Mayo County Council was the winner of the Public Choice Award.

In its ninth year, the popular RIAI Public Choice Award gives the public the opportunity to have their say by voting for their favourite shortlisted project. The Public Choice Award received over 14,000 votes - the highest number of votes in the history of

the Public Choice Award. Public Space & Sculpture, Westport won followed by Hollyhill Library in second place designed by Cork City Architect's Department, and with Mallow Urban Heritage Masterplan - Phase 1, Thomas Davis Square in third place designed by Mallow Town Architect, Giulia Vallone and Cork County Council Architects.

Founded in 1839, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland is the regulatory and support body that promotes the value that architecture brings to society for everyone's benefit.

The RIAI engages with government, the professions, industry, clients and the public to promote the value of quality and design in architecture; to deliver attractive and sustainable built environments; to enrich our distinctive culture and heritage; to contribute to the competitiveness of our economy; and to improve quality of life for the people of Ireland, today and for generations to come. See www.riai.ie



■ Pictured at the RIAI Irish Architecture Awards 2016 are Carole Pollard, RIAI President, and Howley Hayes Architects.