



## Wood Awards Ireland 2016 well under way

Wood award competitions in many countries with strong forest cultures feature farm buildings and other projects made from wood including houses, outbuildings, extensions, offices, barns, bridges, furniture and shelters. "We have yet to reach this stage in Ireland which has a masonry rather than a wood culture especially in construction," says Paul Harvey, chair of the Wood Marketing Federation, the organisation that promotes wood usage and design in Ireland. "However, this is changing and wood is slowly becoming the medium of choice in a number of construction projects, throughout Ireland," he maintains.

"The federation and the Royal **Institute of the Architects** of Ireland (RIAI) are encouraging farmers and other landowners who have completed projects in wood over the past two years to enter the upcoming Wood Awards Ireland 2016," he says. "This is the second competition which promotes wood usage to designers, architects, engineers, craftspeople and other specifiers."

Invitations have been issued to Irish architects, engineers, designer and others working in wood to make submissions to the awards. If you have a project in wood, contact the WMF website ([www.wood.ie/wood-awards-ireland](http://www.wood.ie/wood-awards-ireland)) or call 086-2607 883 for further information. The closing date for entries is 19 August.



**An extension to the home of Padraig Connaughton and Helena Conlon, Clostoken, Loughrea, was highly commended at the 2014 Wood Awards Ireland. Designed by architects, Marian Donoghue and James Corbett, the cedar extension demonstrated how wood can blend with a traditional masonry house and outbuildings.**