

Call for entries

A High Line for
London

Green
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Ideas
Competition
for a new
London Landscape

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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IDEAS COMPETITION FOR A NEW LONDON LANDSCAPE

Submissions are invited for an open ideas competition for a new London landscape. The competition, organised by the Landscape Institute, the Garden Museum and the Mayor of London will be judged by a panel of experts including the founders of New York's High Line. Entrants are encouraged to put forward ideas for new green spaces and places in the city that could include innovations in transport or other services which could add to the capital's green infrastructure. The aim of the competition is to show how green infrastructure, the network of green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect villages, towns and cities, can have a huge and exciting impact on the way in which we live in the capital.

The winners will be announced by Mayor of London Boris Johnson on 8 October 2012 as part of the High Line Symposium taking place at the Garden Museum in central London.

THE COMPETITION

Inspired by the High Line and coinciding with the symposium, the competition is a call for creative approaches to the development of London's spaces.

Submissions need not be constrained by any restrictions such as current planning law, land ownership, budgets or health and safety issues.

Anyone may submit an entry. This is an opportunity for a new generation of ideas to be critiqued by the creators of New York's High Line, Joshua David and Robert Hammond.

CONTEXT

New York's High Line is an excellent example of a public urban design project which has transcended the commonly-accepted role of urban parks and has, in just a couple of years, become a cultural landmark which unites an atmospheric and historic site with the local community's desire for green space.

We are looking for proposals which similarly engage communities with green infrastructure in the spirit of the High Line; we are not seeking a replica of this project but one which responds to a specific London site.

The Symposium includes talks and events focusing on emerging practices in green infrastructure; details are available on the Garden Museum website of the events with Joshua David and Robert Hammond, founders of the High Line, Melissa Fisher, Chief Operating Officer of the High Line and, Piet Oudolf, planting designer. The symposium will also see the launch of the Mayor of London's All London Green Grid. The Symposium is part of the ongoing Green Infrastructure Programme at the Garden Museum.

An expert panel will draw up a shortlist of no more than 20 submissions. The shortlisted entries will be on view at an exhibition at the Garden Museum throughout the Symposium and until mid-November. Shortlisted entries will also be included in the November 2012 issue of *Landscape*, the journal of the Landscape Institute. The winner will be announced by Boris Johnson, Mayor of London on Monday, 8 October 2012.

JUDGES

- Joshua David and Robert Hammond, Founders of the High Line
- Dr. Penelope Curtis, Director of Tate Britain
- Johanna Gibbons FLI, Director of J & L Gibbons, Landscape Architects
- Kim Wilkie CMLI, Principal, Kim Wilkie Associates, Landscape Architects
- Matthew Pencharz, Environment Advisor to the Mayor of London

PRIZES

First prize: £2,500

Runner up prize: £500

The twenty shortlisted entrants will receive one ticket per entrant/team to the High Line Symposium.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Green Infrastructure is defined as ‘the network of green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect villages, towns and cities. In urban areas this can include domestic gardens, street trees, sports pitches, civic spaces, green roofs and walls.’

Green Infrastructure, helping local communities make the most of their landscape, Landscape Institute, 2011

Green infrastructure is also a way of dealing with flooding, climate change and encouraging biodiversity.

The concept of ‘green infrastructure’ is growing in popularity as it is critical in delivering the benefits of the natural environment that have been acknowledged for centuries from the Victorian urban parks and the garden cities which brought health benefits to industrial England, to the more recent new towns and community forests.

Find out more about green infrastructure. The Landscape Institute publishes a range of materials explaining the benefits at: www.landscapeinstitute.org/gi.

ENTRIES

Entrants may base their proposal on any sites in London within the boundary of the Greater London Authority.

Entrants should assume that there are no constraints such as land ownership, land prices, budgets or health and safety concerns. Although proposals should address a particular site, entrants may choose to propose methods, systems or elements which could be replicated throughout the city.

Entries can range from a series of interventions to bold landmark statements, but they must provide the public with a unique outdoor experience which works with London’s green infrastructure and which demonstrates a keen sensitivity to the chosen site.

Ideas which could be explored might include the following:

- new ideas about the relationship between architecture and public and private green spaces
- green landmarks stimulating civic pride and drawing tourism and/or regeneration to an area
- landscape as living heritage and landscape as culture
- dramatic increase of trees and use of trees in the city
- how to embed green infrastructure design into existing hard landscape
- city-wide access to greened roof spaces
- reinterpretation of uses for derelict or underused spaces
- connecting green corridors or creating inventive transport links to green spaces
- solving problems of drainage through design
- addressing the impact of climate change with design
- creating edible landscapes and shared cultivation areas
- enhancing ecosystems and wildlife

TIMETABLE

Registration:	Now open
Deadline for submissions:	Friday 14 September at 2:00pm
Shortlisting:	Week of 17 September
Shortlist announcement:	24 September
Exhibition opens:	2 October until 18 November 2012 (subject to change)
Winner Announced:	8 October

SUBMISSION FORMAT

One A1 board (841x549mm)

Included on the A1 board should be:

- A visual representation of your idea, this can be in any medium - painting, drawing, collage, photography, CAD drawing.
- An indication of the location for your proposed project
- A statement of no more than 250 words which includes the title of your idea, description of the proposal and why and how your idea does what you want it to do
- Your name and/or organisation name
- Your registration number – this will be sent to you when you register online
- The board can be presented landscape or portrait
- 3D submissions can be accepted to occupy an area no larger than A1 cubed

We would like to encourage 3D submissions but practical considerations about stability must be addressed with us before we take receipt of an object.

Submissions will not be returned.

If your submission is in the shortlist, it will be exhibited at the Garden Museum so you may wish to consider how it will look in the context of a group exhibition.

The ownership of copyright in the work of all the competitors will be in accordance with the Copyright and Patent Act 1988; copyright rests with the author(s).

All press announcements related to the competition, shortlisted entries/entrants and the winner/winning design will be managed by the Landscape Institute. Entrants must seek the prior permission of the Landscape Institute before they undertake any promotional activity relating to the competition.

REGISTRATION

All entries must be registered online at: www.landscapeinstitute.org/ideas. You will be provided with a registration number which must be incorporated into your submission.

Submissions are to be sent to the following address by **Friday 14 September at 2:00pm**

The Garden Museum
Lambeth Palace Road
London SE1 7LB

For delivery by hand note the opening hours:

Sunday – Friday: 10:30am – 5pm

Saturday: 10:30am – 4pm

Closed: first Monday of each month

Please note that the judges' decisions are final. Feedback will not be provided on submissions.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Information on Green Infrastructure: www.landscapeinstitute.org/gi

The All London Green Grid – London's green infrastructure framework
www.london.gov.uk/publication/all-london-green-grid-spg

The High Line: www.thehighline.org

The Garden Museum: www.gardenmuseum.org.uk

The Landscape Institute: www.landscapeinstitute.org

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