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Cottrell & Vermeulen is crowned Architect of the Year

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Stephen Fry presents Britain's best architects with their awards

Cottrell & Vermeulen has been crowned BD's Architect of the Year.



The architect was presented with the prestigious Schueco Gold Award by Stephen Fry at the annual awards ceremony at the ExCel centre last night.

The practice was also named Education Architect of the Year on the strength of a string of exceptional projects including Brentwood School in Essex and Notre Dame High School in Southwark.

The Young Architect of the Year Award was won by Feilden Fowles, following in the footsteps of a string of YAYA winners who have gone on to flourish, including Lynch Architects and Arquitectura who are working on the Olympicopolis project with Allies & Morrison and O'Donnell & Tuomey.

Fry described architecture as a "glorious calling" and thanked architects for their work in shaping a better world.

The judges praised the quality of the entries and awarded highly commended honours as well as winners in a number of categories.

BD editor Thomas Lane said: "The judges felt Cottrell & Vermeulen represented a quiet and considered style of architecture which is very important in schools and public buildings. They have been doing this for many years. This is exactly the sort of architect who needs to be celebrated."

There were several categories that were fiercely contested, he said, reflecting the buoyancy of the housing, education and refurbishment sectors in particular. "We had the highest number of entries for some years this year which reflects the health of the profession," he added.

AYA 2016 WINNERS

The Schueco Gold Award

Winner: **Cottrell & Vermeulen**

Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA)

Winner: **Feilden Fowles**

Refurbishment Architect of the Year

Winner: **Takero Shimazaki**

Education Architect of the Year

Winner: **Cottrell & Vermeulen**

Highly commended: **AHMM**

Individual House Architect of the Year

Winner: **Jamie Fobert Architects**

Office Architect of the Year

Winner: **Bennetts Associates**

Highly commended: **Piercy & Co**

Infrastructure Architect of the Year

Winner: **Hawkins Brown**

Sustainability Architect of the Year

Winner: **Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios**

Sport & Leisure Architect of the Year

Winner: **Panter Hudspith**

Housing Architect of the Year

Winner: **Levitt Bernstein**

Masterplanning Architect of the Year

Winner: **JTP**

Highly commended: **DSDHA**

Public Building Architect of the Year

Winner: **Reiach and Hall**

Small Project Architect of the Year

Winner: **Stonewood Design**

Interiors Architect of the Year

Winner: **Haptic Architects**

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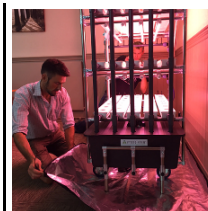
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