



# The William Sutton Prize for Young Innovators Guidance Notes

## About the prize

Clarion Housing Group is looking for **innovative, bright ideas** from young people aged between **16 and 25 years** to make a **positive impact** on a community.

We are seeking **new and creative** ways to tackle issues or challenges under four key themes.

### 2021/22 Young Innovator Themes:

- Environment and Sustainability
- Youth Homelessness
- Age-Friendly Communities
- Clarion Young Resident Ideas

The winning ideas will be **matched with a community partner** who will receive and host up to **£5,000 to turn the idea into a reality**.

The winning young people will have access to **mentoring and skills building** alongside support to develop the entry idea.

## What types of ideas can be submitted?

We are looking for **new, creative and exciting** ideas that will make a positive change under one of the four key themes. No idea is too big, or too small! Examples of the types of ideas that could be considered below: *these are simply for reference, entries can present any innovative idea, project or concept that addresses a theme focus area in a new and innovative way.*

### Environment & Sustainability Prize

- Ideas to help build more eco-friendly communities
- Ideas to improve green spaces and the natural environment to create vibrant neighbourhoods
- Ideas for community-based action to tackle climate change
- Ideas for making homes and neighbourhoods more sustainable

### Youth Homelessness Prize

- Ideas to support young people at risk of homelessness into independent living
- Ideas to improve access to information and advice for young people at risk of homelessness
- Ideas to support access to opportunities for young people at risk of homelessness e.g. routes to education, training and employment
- Ideas to address the emotional and mental health needs of young people at risk of homelessness

### Age-Friendly Communities Prize

- Ideas for projects and activities to build connections in the community between generations
- Ideas for shared community spaces or accommodation to bring generations together
- Ideas for maintaining positive and long lasting connections between generations

### Clarion Young Resident Prize

- Ideas to improve your neighbourhood or address a challenge faced by you and your peers in your Clarion community.

## Who can apply?

- ✓ The William Sutton Prize for Young Innovators is open to **individuals aged between 16 and 25 who are resident in the UK.**
- ✓ Prize funding for the development and delivery of the winning entries will be hosted by Clarion Futures or a nominated partner organisation. Prize funds cannot be issued to a personal bank account.
- ✓ Applicants may only submit a single application under one of the prize categories. We cannot accept applications under multiple categories from the same entrant.
- ✓ Clarion Housing Group employees are not eligible to apply.

Please email any questions regarding eligibility to [williamsuttonprize@clarionhg.com](mailto:williamsuttonprize@clarionhg.com)

## How to apply

Applications must be submitted by completing the William Sutton Prize for Young Innovators application form and email the completed entry to [williamsuttonprize@clarionhg.com](mailto:williamsuttonprize@clarionhg.com)

Before completing the form all entrants are encouraged to read the guidance notes.

Application forms must be submitted by **12 noon Tuesday 21 December 2021** in order to be considered. Late entries will not be accepted.

## Deadline and timeframes

Applications Open	Applications Close	Shortlist Announced	Winners Announced
09:30 Monday 08 November 2021	12:00 (noon) Tuesday 21 December 2021	February 2022	Early March 2022

Shortlisted entrants may be asked to join an in personal or virtual informal chat with our judges ahead of the prize announcement – details will be shared in advance.

Shortlisted entrants will be invited to attend a prize-giving celebration evening in early March where the winners will be announced.

## Application support

For any further questions or assistance with you application please email the team at [williamsuttonprize@clarionhg.com](mailto:williamsuttonprize@clarionhg.com)