

## Eligibility

This category is open to **UK based partnerships** involving any combination of client organisations, contractors, consultants, community groups, or cross sector collaborators.

Entries must demonstrate **exceptional results delivered through genuine collaboration** during the 2025 qualifying period.

Submissions should highlight **how the partnership model itself enabled improved outcomes** that would not have been achievable through traditional, isolated ways of working.

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### 1. Partnership Eligibility

- Open to **formal or structured partnerships** involving at least two organisations (e.g., client–consultant, contractor–consultant, client–community, cross sector alliances).
- The partnership must have been **active and delivering outcomes during 2025**.
- UK based activity must be central to the submission (either through project delivery or primary partnership operation).
- Partnerships may be project specific, programme based or long-term strategic collaborations.

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### 2. Nature of Collaboration

Entries must demonstrate a **collaboration model built on trust, transparency, shared objectives and aligned incentives**, evidenced through behaviours and processes—not just contract structures.

Judges will expect clear evidence of:

- Trust based working relationships-based working relationships
- Joint decision making-making
- Open information sharing-sharing
- Shared risk and shared ownership of outcomes

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### **3. Scope & Focus of Submission**

#### **Strong Partnership Model & Governance**

- Clear description of the partnership structure, participating organisations and shared objectives.
- Evidence of governance supporting collaboration (e.g., joint steering groups, co-delivery arrangements, shared KPIs).

#### **Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement**

- Engagement of clients, end users, communities or cross sector partners.
- Examples may include codesign workshops, community engagement programmes, feedback loops, user led design processes.

#### **Outcomes & Measurable Impact**

- Tangible improvements that occurred *because of* collaboration—not despite it.
- Evidence may include enhanced quality, cost efficiencies, accelerated delivery, risk reduction, safety improvements, community benefit, improved user outcomes.

#### **Innovation & Problem-Solving**

- Collaborative behaviours that unlocked new ideas, enabled creative problem solving or resulted in innovative delivery approaches, tools or solutions.

#### **Long Term Value & Legacy-Term Value & Legacy**

- Lasting positive impacts for users, communities, clients, or the wider sector.
- Evidence may include sustained benefits, ongoing partnerships, transferable processes, policy influence, or capability uplift.

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### **4. Evidence Requirements**

Submissions should provide proportionate, verifiable evidence, such as:

- Stakeholder engagement records, co-design outputs, consultation feedback
- Delivery metrics demonstrating measurable improvement
- Innovation case studies or joint solution development
- Testimonials from clients, community groups, contractors or partners

- Legacy or post project impacts documented through evaluation or follow on activity
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## **5. Judging Considerations**

Judges will assess:

- Whether genuine collaboration—not just coordination—was demonstrated
- How partnership behaviours directly improved outcomes
- The strength, depth and maturity of stakeholder engagement
- Innovation enabled specifically by working together
- The scale, sustainability and transferability of long-term benefits