

## ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECOLOGISTS SILVER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

# Celebrating 25 years of ecological excellence in local government

To celebrate ALGE's 25 year anniversary, the Association is looking to recognise members' and partners' contributions to furthering nature conservation and the way it is delivered at the local government level through a series of awards.

### **Categories**

#### The Steve Moon lifetime contribution award

Special award closed to nominations awarded by ALGE Committee.

#### Local government biodiversity project award

To be awarded to someone who has made a significant contribution to nature conservation through a practical project. This award is only open to nominations for individuals employed within local government. The award shortlist will compile of one nominee per region, with the winner selected from this shortlist.

#### Local government changing the way we work award

To be awarded to someone in local government who has delivered a change or improvement in the way in which we work. This change doesn't need to have been implement on the national scale — the change can be at the local level — but needs to have delivered positive outcomes. This award is only open to nominations for individuals employed within local government. The award shortlist will compile of one nominee per region, with the winner selected from this shortlist.

### **Regional champion**

To be awarded to someone who has contributed to furthering nature conservation across a region. Nominations are invited from any sector – the nominee doesn't need to be employed within local government. The award shortlist will compile of one nominee per region, with the winner selected from this shortlist.

#### **Unsung local hero**

To be awarded to a local champion for biodiversity from any sector. Nominations are invited from any sector – the nominee doesn't need to be employed within local government. The award shortlist will compile of one nominee per region, with the winner selected from this shortlist.

#### Collaborative working award

To be awarded to an organisation who has worked with local government for positive outcome for biodiversity. Nominations are invited from any sector but must demonstrate partnership working with local government. The award shortlist will compile of one nominee per region, with the winner selected from this shortlist.

#### Submission and award

The deadline for nominations is <u>midnight 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019</u>. Nominations should be made by completing the form overleaf and returning to <u>elizabeth.milne@kent.gov.uk</u>

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel comprising ALGE Committee members and a selected external partner. Winners will be decided based on the submitted information; there will not be the opportunity for site visits or interviews.

Winners will receive a framed certificate and will be invited to attend the ALGE Conference on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 in London free of charge, where award winners will be recognised. Winners will be notified in early November 2019.

Any questions concerning the awards or nominations, please contact ALGE Chair Liz Milne on <a href="mailto:elizabeth.milne@kent.gov.uk">elizabeth.milne@kent.gov.uk</a> or 03000 413950.

#### **Association of Local Government Ecologists**

The Association of Local Government Ecologists (ALGE) was established in 1994. It is the only association in the UK that provides support for professional officers with responsibility for biodiversity and nature conservation in Local Authorities and National Parks.

#### ALGE's aims are to:

- Promote and develop good principles and practice for biodiversity, nature conservation, and sustainable development in local government, including National Parks, through its members;
- Maintain an active advice and support forum amongst its members for the exchange of information and ideas on biodiversity and nature conservation matters;
- Provide regular advice on biodiversity and nature conservation matters on behalf of members to government, local authority associations, chief officer societies and others.

ALGE has members throughout England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and within all types of local authority, including county, district, unitary and metropolitan councils, as well as in National Parks.

All members of ALGE work as specialist professionals, often working alongside a multi-disciplinary team of landscape architects, archaeologists, countryside and public rights of way staff, and other planning colleagues. They may be the sole representative of the ecological profession in their authority, and may therefore often not have the benefit of direct professional support and advice from colleagues within their workplace on nature conservation and biodiversity matters. ALGE therefore provides a forum for exchange of experience and knowledge and offers support on various topical matters.



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### **Nomination form**

1. Category nominating for (please use one form per nomination and category)		
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<ul><li>North East</li><li>North West</li><li>Yorkshire &amp; Humber</li><li>East</li></ul>	<ul><li>Midlands</li><li>London</li><li>South East</li><li>South West</li></ul>	<ul><li>Scotland</li><li>Wales</li><li>Northern Ireland</li></ul>
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6. Evidence – please feel free to submit any evidence you feel may support the nomination (website, materials etc); please note anything submitted in support in the box below		
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