

Young designers regenerate Medina crossing

Bridges, tunnels, lifts and slides have been proposed for crossing the river Medina as part of the 2018 Young Designers Award.

The shortlist is announced today for this year's competition. Students were asked to design an alternative solution for crossing over the river Medina in Newport.

The competition is a collaboration between Mattinson Associates and the Isle of Wight Council's Regeneration Team, to promote one of the council's key regeneration sites at Newport Harbour.

The harbour sits at the centre of the Isle of Wight and over the next few years is intended to become a busy, vibrant promenade. The ambition is for Newport Harbour to become a destination location with new homes, new leisure venues and much more.

The Young Designers Award was founded in 2013 by Lindsay Mattinson, past chair of the Royal Institute of British Architects (Isle of Wight) to engage young people and the community in discussion about architecture and the built environment.

The Isle of Wight Council's assistant director of regeneration, Reniera O'Donnell, said: "These designs are exciting, innovative and challenging – it's just what we were hoping for.

"It's refreshing to have young people so involved in regeneration projects."

The judges - Colman Cotter (Chairman of RIBA IW), Claire Hector (Director of Artecology) and Paul Armfield (Manager of Quay Arts) said: "This year we were looking for strong concepts that represented different ways for people to use the bridge and a split between people and vehicles.

"Overall the entries showed a really good consideration of the environment and the existing site."

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Further information:

All shortlisted entries will be exhibited at the Young Designers Awards Evening on Friday 18 May 2018, with a special ceremony taking place to recognise these young designers.

You can find details and photographs of the models for the shortlisted entries on the website: www.youngdesignersaward.com - where you can also look at all the winners from previous years.

The shortlisted entries for this year's competition are as follows;

5-6 year old category

Mary Willetts - Age 6 Fiveways - Colours

Prudence Provis - Age 6 - Fiveways - Rainbow Waterfall Bridge

Sasha Ball - Age 6 - Fiveways - Glitter Elevator

George Pim - Age 6 - Fiveways - Track-o-whaker

Jasmine Wheeler - Age 6 Fiveways - Fisshy

7-8 year old category

Charles Bates – Age 7 - Ryde Junior School - Charles Grand Bridge
Freddie Stott - Age 8 - Ryde Junior School - Balloon Lift
James Travers- Garrety – Age 7 – Godshill Primary school – See Saw Song Bridge
Tallulah Atkinson - Age 8 - Ryde Junior School - Bunny Bridge
Austin Savage – Age 7 – Ryde Junior School – Medina Snake
Harris Middleton Leal - Age 8 - Ryde Junior School - Curly Wurly Bridge

9 year old category

Daisy Evans – Age 9 – Ryde Junior School – Piano Pathway
Maisie Platt - Age 9 - Ryde Junior School – Maisie’s Bridge
Alec Ridgwell – Age 9 - Ryde Junior School – Sail Bridge
Ines Boxall – Age 9 – Ryde Junior School – See the Sea
René Mattinson – Age 9 – Ryde Junior School – Iron Arms
Maya Bennett – Age 9 – Priory School – Sea Lift

10 year old category

Arlo Lambie - Age 10 - Priory school – Canon King
William Phillips - Age 10 – Priory School – Infinity Bridge
Hetty Quigley - Age 10 - Priory school - Nip over the water
Alice Holyoake - Age 10 - Ryde Junior School – Octopus Bridge
Angus Middleton Leal - Age 10 - Ryde Junior School - IOW Garden Bridge
Hamish Barrett - Age 10 - Ryde Junior School - Hamish’s Bridge

11 year old category

Alice Owen - Age 11 - Ryde Junior School - Somewhere over the Medina
Theodora Travers – Age 11 – Godshill Primary School – The bridge of Choice
Olivia Johansson - Age 11 - Priory School - Carisbrooke Needles Bridge
Lydia Soar - Age 11 - Priory School - Wagon Wheel
Patrick Mattinson – Age 11 – Ryde Junior School – Kaleido Park
George Green - Age 11 - Ryde Junior School - Medina Arch

12 year old category

Jack Perry - Age 12 - TIFS - FANTastical Crossing
Thomas Coward - Age 12 - TIFS – The History Bridge
Ruby Bodenham - Age 12 - TIFS - Rainbow Ride Slide ‘n’ Glide
Beth Longson - Age 12 – TIFS - The Islands Eye Crossing
Thea Broadhead - Age 12 - TIFS - Eiffel Wire
Mikey Hill - Age 12 – TIFS - Big Red Balls

13-14 year old category

Paddy Lord - Age 14 - Ryde Senior - Dave
Taylor Millard - Age 14 - TIFS - Medina Quay Under the Sea
Will Morris - Age 14 - Ryde Senior - YDA - Lifting Bridge
Joshua Gustar - Age 14 - Ryde Senior - Scrumpy
Elsa Wester - Age 13 - Ryde Senior School - Sun and Sea Bridge

Nicolas Ventris - Age 13 - Ryde Senior School - Open Lock Bridge
Jiri Illovy - Age 14 - Ryde Senior - YD Sink Bridge

15-16 year old category

Sapphire Prust - Age 16 - Ryde Senior - Midori Bridge
Gabriel Gibson - Age 15 - Ryde Senior - Medina Swing Bridge