Young Planner of the Year 2022

Amy Powell, Edgars

Amy is currently a Senior Planner at Edgars, having graduated from the first cohort of students to study the Masters level degree apprenticeship at London South Bank University.

The judges were impressed by Amy's passion, ambition and contribution to the future of the profession. In particular, they noted that Amy is a strong role model for the Degree Apprenticeship, including taking part in seminars and interviews to promote this route into the profession.

Even at an early stage of her career Amy has been involved in an impressive range of work, from preparing proposals with clients, to managing consultant teams and engaging with all parts of the planning system, from pre-application advice to Local Plan Examinations. What stood out to the judges was Amy's enthusiasm and originality of approach when navigating highly contentious issues such as greenbelt and heritage.

Building on her academic work, Amy has been involved in writing zero carbon policies for a local authority. This has included presenting this work to audiences such as the Local Enterprise Partnership, demonstrating to the judges a willingness to engage with the wider professional community in finding practical ways to address the critical issue of climate change.

Testimonials from those Amy has worked with highlighted her strong relationships with colleagues, clients and, notably, the local authorities that she works with on behalf of clients. In addition, Amy has already been actively involved in the RTPI Young Planners' Network in the South East, contributing to a successful bid to bring the Young Planners' Conference to the Thames Valley in 2022.

Overall, Amy's willingness to take on new challenges, engage with the wider profession and develop strong working relationships make her an excellent role model for young planners everywhere. The judges are therefore pleased to award Amy Powell the title of **2022 Young Planner of the Year for the RTPI South East region.**