

# DELANCEY'S HERE EAST IS ANNOUNCED AS WINNER OF NATIONAL RICS SOCIAL IMPACT COMMERCIAL AWARD 2020

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- Here East was awarded National Social Impact Commercial Award 2020 by RICS (Royal Institution for Chartered Surveyors)
- The campus won praise for its focus on sustainability, and economic and social contribution to the area

Here East, the London-based technology and innovation campus, has won the National Social Impact Commercial Award at the inaugural RICS Social Impact Awards 2020.

RICS Social Impact Awards recognises the built environment's positive and transformational contribution to society, showcasing the best examples on a national level following the regional finals this summer, which Here East won in the London category. The projects are judged on their human, social and environmental impact, as well as the collaboration and innovation involved.

Here East was recognised for its positive social impact and commitment to fulfilling an economic and social need in the area through its mentorships, community and educational programmes. Here East was also celebrated for its minimal environmental impact in construction and use, its carbon reduction progress, and praised as a leader in sustainability in the built environment.

Located in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Here East is a 1.2 million sq ft tech and innovation campus. A catalyst for growth, it is home to over 4,500 academics and innovators, and is designed to foster collaboration, allowing its community to collaborate, scale and grow at pace. Tenants include BT Sport, Plexal (Here East's innovation centre), Fiit.tv, Sports Interactive, Ford Smart Mobility, Studio Wayne McGregor, Matchesfashion, and The Trampery on the Gantry, which provides 21 studios for local artists and designers. There is a significant education presence with Loughborough University London, UCL, Staffordshire University's Digital Institute and soon to open, the Liverpool Media Academy.

Designed by Hawkins Brown, Delancey's Here East was the International Press and Broadcast Centre for the 2012 Olympic Games and is a standout example of retrofit and sustainability in the built environment. It is widely recognised as the most successful re-development of an International Press and Broadcast Centre globally, providing a blueprint for future host cities on how to build a sustainable Olympic legacy.



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Gavin Poole, CEO of Here East commented: *“Since launching in 2016, we have strived to ensure that Here East makes a positive impact at all levels across the communities around us, contributing to the economy, providing jobs, and benefitting and engaging the young people in the surrounding boroughs – so we are delighted to be recognised on a national level by RICS Social Impact Award.*

*As a regeneration development re-purposing the London Olympics International Press and Broadcast Centre, we understand how important re-use, retrofit and sustainability is in the built environment and embodied these principles into an ambitious project. We are all delighted to be recognised for these achievements and we hope that Here East becomes the benchmark for future retrofit projects across the world, demonstrating what can be achieved when the human, social and environment impacts are placed at the core of our work.”*

RICS Social Impact Awards Chairman of judges David Brooks-Wilson commented: *“Winning a RICS award shows that the project is at the forefront of the industry, setting the standard, leading the field, raising the bar.”*

Rob Jenkins, Sustainability Director at Delancey, comments: *“At Delancey, we recognise the value of responsible investment and an impact-based approach to property development. We are proud that Here East is playing its part in the community supporting innovation and providing opportunities. Here East is a stellar case of how the built environment can make a real, positive contribution to the surrounding area and it is great to receive this recognition from the RICS.”*



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## Notes to Editors

### About Here East

Here East is a catalyst for growth and London's fastest growing innovation campus. Located at the heart of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London, it is a launchpad for innovation. The former Press and Broadcast Centre for the Olympic Games, has been transformed into a thriving community of over 4,500 creatives.

Here East is home to three of the fastest growing clusters in the capital: esports, cybersecurity and the creative sectors. Tenants include: BT Sports, Plexal (Here East's innovation centre), Fiit.tv, Sports Interactive, Ford Smart Mobility, Studio Wayne McGregor, MATCHESFASHION.com and The Trampery on the Gantry who provide 21 studios for local artists and designers. The 1.2 million sq ft campus is home to over 4,500 academics and innovators, and is designed to foster collaboration, allowing tenants to collaborate, scale and grow at pace.

Here East is owned by clients of Delancey, a specialist real estate investment advisory company.



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