

## BEAUTIFUL PERTH AWARDS GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

Beautiful Perth Schools Awards are designed to celebrate the work done to clean up, green up and cheer up schools and their grounds.

### Eligibility

All schools in the City of Perth are eligible to enter for an Award. There are Awards categories for Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools in the City. We will be looking for projects involving pupils and staff that have educational value and are improving the school and its grounds. Work might involve litter picking, keeping the grounds and buildings clean and tidy, flower and vegetable gardening and the development of natural areas that encourage biodiversity.

### How the Awards work

There two categories of schools Awards: Primary/Nursery and Secondary. Beautiful Perth Awards are designed to reward your school's achievements, whatever stage your projects have reached. We use the Royal Horticultural Society's system of awarding Bronze, Silver, Silver Gilt and Gold levels, so even newly established projects can receive an Award. All projects can also benefit from Beautiful Perth's knowledge and expertise on how projects might develop in future.

### Judging criteria

Beautiful Perth judges will assess entries using three criteria:

*Participation and educational value* – 40% of the overall marks will be awarded for this. The judges will be looking for evidence that pupils and staff are actively involved in activities that are improving the school and its grounds. The level of the project's contribution to learning and development across the school will also be taken into account. Marks may also be awarded for evidence of wider engagement, for instance of parents or the wider local community.

*Care for the Environment* – 30% of the overall marks. Judges will look at how the projects being undertaken are helping pupils understand horticulture and environmental responsibility. Marks will be awarded for year-round achievement in areas like gardening, waste and litter management, biodiversity and nature conservation and pride of place.

*Overall Achievement* – 30% of the overall marks. This criterion will assess the quality of work being undertaken, the overall impact on the area and the plans that are in place to carry projects forward.

The judges will be happy to give advice and information to support and develop the project. If you have any questions, please email: [info@beautifulperth.org](mailto:info@beautifulperth.org)