



SPRA AWARDS 2025

Top Tips for Project Submissions
November 2024

Best Detailing

This will be awarded to a project that demonstrates innovative solutions to complex detailing and an outstanding finish. Describe how single ply roofing technology was used to overcome the challenges that were faced. Provide high-resolution CAD drawings, hand sketches, and close-up photographs that illustrate not just the result, but the design and installation processes too.

Best Detailing 2023

The Gradle Quadrangles

Renolit Cramlington Limited
NDM Steelwork and Cladding

Described by Historic England as 'one of the very few instances where contemporary design can be considered genuinely outstanding,' this project features curved quadrangles that snake around two listed buildings. Augmented Reality was used to detail the arrangement of the solar profiles that support the tessellated aluminium tiles, so the complex pattern could be achieved.

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Projects ready!

The SPRA Awards Luncheons are welcome occasions for all Single Ply Roofing Association (SPRA) Membrane Manufacturer, Associate, Contractor, and Distributor members – as well as their guests.

The SPRA Awards Luncheon 2025 will be hosted at *Hilton Birmingham Metropole* on Thursday 12 June.

At the 2024 event, over 240 members and their guests gathered at *The Burlington, Birmingham* to enjoy a drinks reception; feast upon a three-course luncheon; celebrate excellence in single ply roofing; and network with their peers – the largest event in SPRA history!

Whether you are a previous award winner; have had a project shortlisted; have submitted projects previously; or are new to the process, we would be delighted if you would submit one or more projects for consideration for the SPRA Awards 2025. This year will feature the following categories, with certificates and trophies awarded for the winning projects and certificates only awarded for highly commended projects—

- Best Detailing
- Best New Build
- Best Refurbishment
- Best Small Project
- Health and Safety
- Sustainability

On this and the following spreads, you will find a feature on each of the SPRA Awards 2024 winning projects; a summary of the categories for 2025; and top tips for project submissions.

For those interested in sponsorship, request a copy of the *SPRA Sponsorship 2025* document. It details all of the sponsorship opportunities available not just for the SPRA Awards Luncheon 2025, but for annual Event Partnership and SPRA Golf 2025, too.

For information about ticket sales and early bird offers, sign up for the SPRA News Update and keep an eye on the SPRA *LinkedIn* profile.

We look forward to receiving your project submissions and seeing you at the event! If you require any assistance in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us via the details below!

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Best Small Project

This will be awarded to a project that represents an outstanding example of how single ply roofing technology and workmanship can be applied on a smaller scale. Describe why the single ply roofing system was specified, how challenges were overcome, and how health and safety were managed. Provide high-resolution, close-up photographs to illustrate the result.

Best Small Project 2023

The Butterfly Centre

Sika Limited
Contour Roofing (Essex) Limited

Viewers of DIY SOS may be familiar with the refurbishment of this once-dilapidated caretaker's cottage, which now serves as a hub for individuals and families with mental health challenges. With the collaboration of construction directors, contract managers, operatives and the manufacturer, the project was completed in under two days at no cost to the community.

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Top Tip #1

Check that the project qualifies.

- The project must have been completed during the calendar year 2024.
- The project must be submitted by a member of the Single Ply Roofing Association (SPRA).
- The single ply roofing system must have been manufactured by a SPRA Membrane Manufacturer member.*
- The project may be submitted for consideration for a maximum of two award categories.

**The single ply roofing contractor does not have to be a SPRA Contractor member.*

Top Tip #2

Collaborate with other stakeholders.

Projects submitted by manufacturers tend to focus on products, systems and specifications. Those submitted by contractors, however, tend to focus on project management, health and safety and challenges presented on site. The judges need to know about all of the above. Share information and work together to compile a complete (and potentially award-winning) project submission!

Best Refurbishment

This will be awarded to a project that represents an outstanding example of how single ply roofing technology and workmanship can be used to overlay or replace an existing roof. Describe how single ply roofing technology was used to overcome the challenges that were faced. Provide high-resolution aerial and close-up photographs to illustrate the result.

Best Refurbishment 2023

Cocoa Works, York

IKO Plc

Certa Roofing and Cladding Ltd

The refurbishment of this former confectionery factory – once responsible for making over a billion KitKats per year – included the installation of a 4,500m² tapered insulation scheme and single ply roofing system. This provided a lightweight, robust waterproofing solution that avoided applying excessive loads to the existing structure, while complementing the architecture of an iconic building.

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Building Systems UK

A Tata Steel enterprise

Top Tip #3

Write as much as possible.

The judges rely upon what you tell them. The more detail you write, the better the picture of the project you paint. The more the judges know about the project, the better its chances of winning an award. Please don't think that it's a waste of time! The judges read every word of every submission.

Top Tip #4

Avoid unnecessary marketing spiel.

The intention of the submission is to sell the project – not the manufacturer who supplied the single ply roofing system, nor the contractor who installed it. By all means, highlight your products' or services' unique selling points if it provides useful context and is relevant to the point that you make, but don't overdo it.

Health and Safety Award

This will be awarded to—

Either an organisation that exhibits a culture that proactively nurtures the positive mental health of its employees and subcontractors. Describe how the culture was developed, how it is managed proactively, and what training is provided to employees and subcontractors. Provide factual evidence.

Or a project where safe systems of work were implemented to control hazards, manage risks and/or where innovative products were installed to facilitate safe working. Describe the hazards and risks and how they were controlled and managed, respectively. Provide statistics where applicable.

Health and Safety Award 2023
Enthoven House

Invictus Roofing Ltd
Sika Limited

To protect the mental and physical health of residents (all ex-service and war veterans) noisy works were limited and a temporary scaffold enclosure was erected to protect the building while the existing roof was stripped. Mindful of the risk of exposure to potentially noxious gases from boiler flues, all operatives wore personal carbon monoxide alarms.

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Top Tip #5

Upload high quality photos.

A picture paints a thousand words. Upload a mixture of well-composed aerial and close-up photographs to show the entire project and its outstanding features. The larger the pixel density and resolution, the better. Photographs of shortlisted, highly-commended and winning projects will be used (with permission) in digital and print marketing, so they must be sharp!

Top Tip #6

Keep everything relevant.

Ensure that the text and accompanying photographs are relevant to the categories for which the project will be submitted. For example, if the project will be submitted for Best Detailing, upload photographs of the detailing. If the project will be submitted for Health and Safety, write about how health and safety were managed on site!

Sustainability Award

This will be awarded to a project that minimised carbon emissions, materials and water consumption during construction; encourages biodiversity; harvests rainwater; and/or sequesters carbon in use. Describe the single ply roofing specification and how the project was managed to achieve targets. Provide data to support sustainability related claims and high-resolution photographs to illustrate the result.

Sustainability Award 2023

Slough EFW Multifuel Power Plant

MAC (Roofing & Contracting) Limited
IKO Plc

This plant will generate 50MW/year of electricity by processing 480,000 tonnes of waste; deliver 23 tonnes/hour of processed steam to a nearby food factory; and offset 147,000 tonnes/year of CO₂. Its single ply roofing system (including thermal insulation) was sourced from a UK-based manufacturer and specified for its coverage, minimising transport emissions and material consumption.

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Top Tip #7

Show and tell the process.

The best project submissions tell a story. Take the judges on a journey from design and specification to installation and completion. If there were any challenges along the way (and there are – always!), describe them and explain how they were overcome. Upload photographs that show different stages of installation. All this adds depth and interest.

Top Tip #8

Health and safety applies to all.

Working at height is hazardous. The judges want to know and see that it was managed appropriately on all projects; not just those submitted for the Health and Safety category. If photographs of installation are uploaded, ensure that they demonstrate safe working practices – collective fall prevention; correct personal protective equipment; protection of fragile surfaces etc.

Best New Build

This will be awarded to a project that represents an outstanding example of single ply roofing technology and workmanship. Describe why the single ply roofing system was specified to fulfil the client and designers' performance requirements and how it complements the architecture. Provide high-resolution aerial and close-up photographs and video footage to illustrate the result.

Best New Build 2023
Bellingham Commercial

Invictus Roofing Ltd
Danosa UK Ltd

Phase 2 of the award-winning Bellingham Mews development, this project's flat, pitched and mansard roofs celebrate single ply roofing. The conversion of a disused industrial estate into a mixed-use development, its roof features bespoke fabricated metal angles, décor profiles, lead-style step flashings, narrow box gutters and vertical facias – demonstrating outstanding attention to detail and workmanship.

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Top Tip #9

Allow plenty of time.

To compile a potentially award-winning project submission takes a lot of time and effort. Please don't leave it until the last minute! Start to commission photography and gather the all-important information now to ensure that you don't miss the deadline. The closing date for submissions will be midnight on **Wednesday 30 April 2025**. No exceptions!

Top Tip #10

Proof read before submitting.

You've checked that the project qualifies; assembled a collaborative team of stakeholders; written a detailed story of the project (avoiding unnecessary marketing spiel and keeping everything relevant!); uploaded high quality photographs; and done it all in plenty of time. Review it one last time before submitting to ensure that nothing has been forgotten! And breathe...

SPRA is the voice of the single ply roofing industry.

Its mission is to achieve growth and sustainability in all sectors of the single ply roofing industry by raising the awareness of single ply technology, its value, and ensuring manufacturing and installation standards remain high.

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