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Dear friend / colleague,

I write on behalf of the Dewi-Prys Thomas Trust, established in 1990 to celebrate the life of Dewi-Prys Thomas (1916-85), a man who had a profound influence on architecture and town planning in Wales. Dewi was well known to many, especially former architecture and town planning students at Cardiff University where his influence was felt so strongly beyond his retirement in 1981.

In Dewi-Prys Thomas's name, the Trust aims to promote excellence in architecture, town planning, civic design, landscape design and other creative disciplines that contribute to the quality of life, identity, and regeneration of Wales. The Trust initially bestowed awards to high achieving students at the Department of City and Regional Planning and the Welsh School of Architecture at Cardiff University. Between 2003-2015, the Trust awarded a prestigious triennial prize described in 'Touchstone: the magazine for architecture in Wales', as 'Wales's most important architectural award' though it also recognised excellence in the fields of landscape design, urban & civic design, environmental improvements, sustainability projects, civil engineering and public art.

After an absence of eight years, we are delighted to reinstate a prize in partnership with the RSAW. The Dewi-Prys Thomas Award will now be bestowed annually to a project or initiative that responds best to its site and context, contributes positively to the distinctiveness of the place, and responsibly addresses the environmental and social challenges of Wales in the 21st century. The Trust is also promoting a proposed book about the life and work of Dewi-Prys Thomas.

The Trust has financed its past activities from money raised in 1990 in Dewi-Prys Thomas's memory, upon the initiative of Cardiff 2000, the Civic Society for Cardiff. Thirty-three years on, these funds are dwindling, and The Trust is seeking further contributions to continue our activities, to include the Award. We should be extremely grateful for any donations offered to continue the legacy of this charismatic teacher and advocate for Wales and the built environment. Cheques can be made payable to 'The Dewi Prys Thomas Trust', or directly by BACS (Sort Code:: 20-18-23 / Account number: 90653535 / Reference: 508866808), with remittance advice sent for my attention. We would be more than happy to provide a receipt, on request

With our thanks in advance
for The Dewi-Prys Thomas Trust



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