

INCHBALD SCHOLARSHIP

Requirements

Please provide an A3-sized sketched plan in pencil for an urban roof garden measuring 4.5m in width by 8.5m in length. This is to be accompanied by 1,000 words about your design ideas for the garden. The budget for the roof garden is £15,000 including design and build, but don't let that stop your creativity! Where details about the site are not provided, make your own judgements and tailor your design accordingly. Please submit your drawing on A3 paper and add colouring where appropriate. We would suggest that you make a copy of your drawing before submission.

The Brief

The roof garden overlooks the Thames and is located at the rear of a two-bedroom apartment within a new Docklands development. The apartment belongs to a young professional couple who work long hours and want an outdoor space that is easy to maintain and looks great all year round. The apartment is stylishly decorated with furniture from Conran – they are looking for an outdoor space to reflect their style and taste where they can chill out after work and entertain their friends at the weekend.

The roof garden is accessed by sliding patio doors running the entire width of the garden and has a 1.5m glass barrier enclosing the space. Both water and electricity can be run out to the garden which is structurally designed to bear substantial weight.

The couple are keen that the roof garden should add value to their property. The property is currently valued at £350,000.

Send completed entries to:

Gardens Illustrated Scholarship, Inchbald School of Design, 32 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PB. Please include your full name, address and daytime telephone number on all correspondence, including drawings.

Closing date for submissions is 5pm, 10 February 2012.

Judges

Judges are looking for design talent and a strong interest in the process of design, rather than formal garden design skills or training. No previous experience in garden design is required. The winning entrant will demonstrate a clear understanding of the brief including function and form. Judges' decisions are final.