

PRESS RELEASE

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Bursary Winners Starting University

Samuel Perry and Vanisha Mistry are the first winners of a new bursary scheme established by The Landscape Institute and the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. The bursary was introduced to help people study landscape architecture at university.

Samuel Perry, 40, from Dulwich, is starting at Kingston University this month. 'It is a great feeling to be a part of something positive. For me the energy and commitment that drives the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust is inspiring. I would really like to thank the Landscape Institute for supporting me through the SLCT', he says.

Vanisha Mistry, 19, from Harrow, is just starting at Leeds Metropolitan University. She says 'I am really looking forward to beginning my course this year in Landscape Architecture. I am excited to begin my degree and learn more about the field so I can prepare myself for my future career as a Landscape Architect. I am very grateful towards the Landscape Institute and the Stephen Lawrence Trust for supporting me with a bursary which will help me greatly during my course.'

The Landscape Institute is the professional body for landscape architects. It decided to establish this annual bursary with the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust to encourage people from the widest possible background to become landscape architects. Sue Illman CMLI, the next President of the landscape Institute, interviewed the candidates recently. 'We are delighted that we have two such strong candidates in our first year, to get the bursary scheme off to a flying start' she said. 'Landscape architecture is a very rewarding career and through our link with the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust we want to make it one which more people think about when planning their future.'

Doreen Lawrence OBE, Director of the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, said 'The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust is delighted to be working with the Landscape Institute to support students who wants to pursue a profession in Landscape Architecture. I wish them both the very best of luck as they embark on their studies'.

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Notes for Editors

1. The Landscape Institute is the professional body for landscape architects. It is an educational charity and chartered body responsible for protecting, conserving and enhancing the natural and built environment for the benefit of the public. It champions well-designed and well-managed urban and rural landscape. The Institute's accreditation and professional procedures ensure that the designers, managers and scientists who make up the landscape architecture profession work to the highest standards. Its advocacy and education programmes promote the landscape

architecture profession as one which focuses on design, environment and community in order to inspire great places where people want to live, work and visit. To find out more about the Landscape Institute visit www.landscapeinstitute.org

2. The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust is concerned with advancing social justice. One of the ways that social justice is achieved is through providing access and creating opportunities. Its vision is to become a world-class enabler, opening doors for and the minds of people and organisations with an emphasis on young people from black minority ethnic and white working class backgrounds aged between 16-24 in order that they can realise their personal potential. To find out more about the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust visit www.stephenlawrence.org.uk