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RSHP architect wins first ever MJ Long Prize at 2020 W Awards

Tracy Meller of Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners has won the inaugural MJ Long Prize for excellence in practice for her role on the London School of Economics' Centre Building



Meller was handed the honour at the W Awards in London earlier today (6 March). The prize recognises a body of work by a UK-based female architect with an emphasis on a project completed within the past 18 months.

She was chosen from a four-strong shortlist which also comprised: Emma Fairhurst of Collective Architecture, who had been put forward for the [Calton Hill City Observatory](#) project in Edinburgh; Alice Hamlin of Mole Architects, for [Marmalade Lane](#), Cambridge; and Nicola Rutt of Hawkins\Brown, for [Here East](#), London.

Meller was nominated for her work as project lead on RSHP's £78 million [Centre Building](#) for the LSE. Earlier this year [she told the AJ](#) that the most rewarding aspect of working on the flagship education scheme had been the 'positive feedback from students and teaching staff'.

The judges said: 'Meller is real leader, working collaboratively while still pulling the whole thing together. It's a very difficult thing to do in a corporate culture, going against a general tendency of having a solo leading voice.'

As you might be able to tell from this photo I am honoured, delighted - and a bit shocked - to have won this award. Thank you to everyone at [#WAwards](#) great recognition for the team [@RSHParchitects](#) and for our lovely building [#LSECentreBuilding](#)

— Tracy Meller (@tracy_meller) [March 6, 2020](#)

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