The aim of this Award is to recognise successful community engagement in a project promoting, preserving or interpreting industrial archaeology or heritage. Nominations may be for projects anywhere in the world which promote, preserve or interpret industrial archaeology or heritage and demonstrate an element of Community Engagement. Nominations can be made by anyone, including those who have been involved in the project. The Award is £500. The winners will be given the opportunity to apply for a further £500 in funding to carry out follow-up community engagement relating to the same project. One person nominated by the winners will also receive one years’ free membership of the Association for Industrial Archaeology (AIA). The winners will be invited to the AIA’s Annual Conference to receive their Award and to speak about their project. Details of the winning entry will be published in IA News and will be publicised through the AIA’s communication channels. Applications should be made using the Community Engagement Award Entry Form. There is space at Question 8 to list any images attached to the nomination, or to insert any links to examples of activities – such as digital content. Entries must be received by the AIA Hon Secretary no later than 31st January each year, secretary@industrial-archaeology.org

The Award will be judged by a panel of three adjudicators, appointed by the AIA’s Council. In judging nominations and identifying the winning application, the adjudicators will consider:

- The degree to which the organisation/project has successfully identified and targeted communities that might be interested in the project
- The size and diversity of the community which has engaged with the project
- The impact of the project on community members, including their knowledge and wellbeing
- The impact of community involvement on the industrial heritage project or asset/s

If the judges consider that more than one entry deserves recognition in any year, a second ‘highly commended’ Award may be made. However, should the judges consider that no nominations in a particular year meet the required criteria, then no Award will be made.

We look forward to receiving your entry. Good Luck!