

# AWARDS FOR ECHO ARENA & BLUECOAT

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THE ECHO arena and Liverpool's Bluecoat arts centre have won architecture awards.

ACC Liverpool was presented with a Royal Institute of British Architects (Riba) accolade at a ceremony in the city last night.

The £12.5m redevelopment of the historic Bluecoat centre was also honoured.

They were two of the 11 building and development schemes across the north west which won awards.

Liverpool university's Small Animal Teaching Hospital in Neston also took a prize.

Riba north west chairman Roger Stephenson said: "The winners once again demonstrate the remarkably high standard of architecture in the north west.

"We were delighted with the standard of the entries and firmly believe that the region can proudly boast of having some of the most exciting ar-



DESIGN ACCOLADE: The ECHO arena

chitecture in the UK today."

The panel of judges visited 17 shortlisted schemes across the region and was impressed by the overall standard.

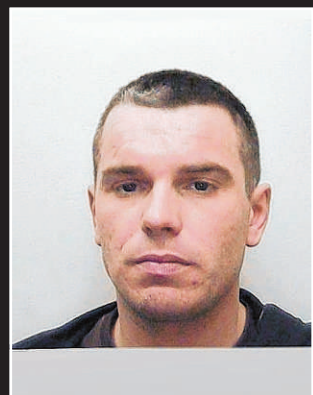
Jury chairwoman Cindy Walters said: "There was a diverse range of buildings visited from private homes, teaching facilities, public buildings and innovative social housing schemes.

"We met some exceptional clients and the fact that 11

awards have been given demonstrates the high standard of entries."

The winners will now be considered for the Riba national awards which in turn form the long list for the Riba Stirling Prize.

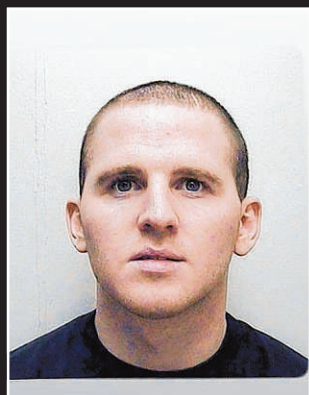
The Riba Stirling Prize is being staged on October 11 at the arena and convention centre Liverpool, and will be broadcast on Channel 4 on October 12.



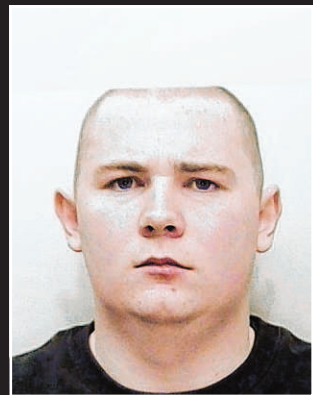
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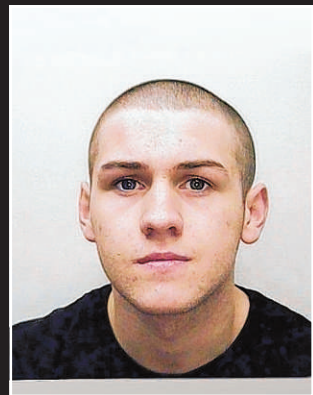
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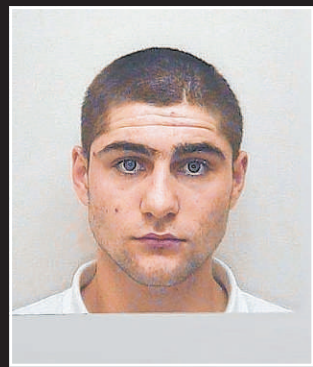
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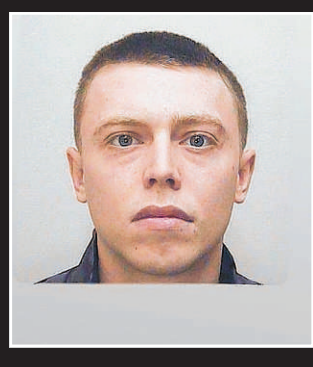
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