

Five landscaping companies announced to take part in APL Avenue competition at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2018

For the third year running, the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) return to BBC Gardeners' World Live with the much-anticipated Show Garden competition, APL Avenue. This is an opportunity for five APL contractors to feature their inspirational, aspirational and relatable gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live taking place at Birmingham's NEC from 14 to 17 June 2018. The winning garden will be awarded Best APL Avenue Show Garden by the Show Garden Assessment panel, plus a public vote will crown the visitor's favourite.

The five gardens within APL Avenue give visitors the opportunity to witness first-hand what variety, quality, creativity and interpretation of a brief can be achieved in a small space when engaging the skills of a professional landscaper. Members of the APL team and the landscapers will be on hand throughout the four days of the event to meet up to 100,000 visitors and share their wealth of knowledge, demystifying the process of a garden build and giving advice on costs and options.

To ensure top-quality design and construction, each garden will receive a contribution towards the build. Marshalls and Rolawn are both garden product suppliers, with Marshalls supplying products from their domestic range and Rolawn supplying their turf and topsoil.

The landscapers who will build their Show Gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2018 are:

- A to Z Gardening Landscaping Services, designed by Levente Papp and Alina Ciobotaru
- Conquest Creative Spaces, designed by Ross Conquest
- Keyscape Gardens, designed by Martyn Wilson, Wilson Associates Garden Design
- Living Gardens, designed by Peter Cowell
- Timotay Landscapes, designed by Timotay Landscapes

Bob Sweet, Horticultural Director of BBC Gardeners' World Live, said "For the third year running there has been stiff competition from companies who are members of the Association of Professional Landscapers to be represented at the show. We have no doubt that these five gardens will offer visitors a wealth of take-home ideas for their own gardens whilst being stunning examples of great design in their own right."

Peter Cowell, of Living Gardens, takes part in APL Avenue for the second time. When asked about the experience, Peter said "Our success at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2017, where our APL Avenue 'It's Not Just About the Beard' garden won a Gold Award and was Designers Favourite, was followed by months of public interest, job enquiries and even an appearance on BBC Two's Gardeners' World - so we decided to have another go in 2018! It's great knowing that we are designing and building gardens at the same standard as some of the best companies in the country. It's been a selling point for our business and has generated significant interest from new clients who want the wow factor with design and build quality."