



# Construction News

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## Constructing Communities

**St Mary's Estate Regeneration wins Mulalley "Project of the Year" at the Construction News "Quality in Construction Awards 2003".**

Now in their seventh year, the Construction News Quality in Construction Awards celebrate the best in British construction practice. These prestigious awards attract a very high standard of entries which are subjected to rigorous assessment by a judging panel of top industry experts. They are then short listed to only seven finalists. The aim is to recognise those who have made a substantial contribution to improving the safety, efficiency and value of the industry.

Mulalley nominated for their work on the St Mary's Estate, Hackney, East London, emerged as the winners of the Small Project (less than £5 Million) Category; a category that consistently receives more entries than most.



**Eamon O'Malley and Resident Liaison Officer: Marie O'Donnell receive their award from host Clive Anderson.**

Construction News reported on the outcome: "Refurbishing a large housing estate with the residents in place was never going to be an easy job. But the way Mulalley planned this project and then marshalled the team on site was nothing short

### What the judges said:

“The lengths this team went to in order to be considerate constructors was exemplary.

This was a very difficult community to win over - I get the feeling that if anything had gone wrong they'd have made a meal of it. ”

of brilliant. Value engineering workshops, set up and managed by Mulalley, saved £140,000 for use elsewhere on the estate.

Local skills were used wherever possible. At least three workers taken from the unemployment register were trained up and now work full-time in the construction industry. Community liaison was exemplary, with superb respite facilities provided for residents while work was carried out in their homes and personal contact maintained with every single house holder on the estate.

Perhaps the highest accolade comes from the clients's project manager, Rumana Khair, who says: "The estate didn't have a community before this project. The effort Mulalley put in actually brought people together for the first time."

