



## Young Furniture Makers Design Award

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### An Award for Excellence in British Design Furniture for Young Furniture Makers

The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers is the Livery Company for the British Furnishing Industry. Its purpose is to enhance and support that industry and to encourage new talent into our industry. The most important way it does so is by creating a wide-ranging education programme that helps to support and nurture young talent for the future. It also does so by encouraging public recognition of excellence and innovation by the grant of this new award, the Young Furniture Makers Design Award which recognises **excellence in the design of furniture for the intention of volume production, by the finest designer-makers in full time education.**

#### Criteria

Excellence in design, materials, manufacture and function

- Does the design fit the brief?
- Are its proportions and scale harmonious? Is it aesthetically pleasing?
- Are the materials, including the fittings and the finish, appropriate and considered?
- Is the piece innovative and ambitious?
- Can this piece be manufactured in volume?

#### Eligibility

A YFM Design Award can be awarded for a piece or range which is intended for volume production and is designed by any student who is either;



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- Studying in full-time education
- Who has or is studying in a private/commercial furniture designer-maker course or who has
- Recently graduated from a UK university or college.

## Applications

Applications are welcome from colleges and universities as well as graduates from 2021 and 2022.

The YFM Design Award is open to any furniture designer-maker who is in full time education who has studied in a private/commercial furniture designer-maker course or who has or has recently completed a further or higher education course.

To apply please complete the application form and submit it with three high quality photos to [grantsandeducation@furnituremaklers.org.uk](mailto:grantsandeducation@furnituremaklers.org.uk) by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. We also encourage all applicants to complete the anonymous Equal Opportunities and Monitoring form so that we can create and provide equitable opportunities for everyone. The link to this form can be found at the end of the application form.

## Assessment Procedure

Applications will be shortlisted by a selection panel appointed by the Furniture Makers' Company. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to exhibit their furniture at Furniture Makers' Hall at the annual YFM Exhibition on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

During the exhibition, pieces will be judged and a winning entry will be awarded the YFM Design Award. There will be two runners up receiving second and third place.

## Benefits

Pieces or ranges of furniture awarded an YFM Design Award are recognisably items of quality and excellence. To substantiate and promote this accolade, YFM Design Award holders are entitled to;

- Use the YFM Design Award logo on any publicity material relating to each piece awarded a YFM Design Award
- Receive a numbered YFM Design Award certificate, which clearly states the names of the designer and maker and is itself a guarantee of the authenticity of the piece.

## The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers

The Furniture Makers is the 83rd Livery Company of the City of London. Founded as a Guild in 1951, it was granted the Letters Patent of a Livery Company in 1963. One of its rules states that every person joining the Company must be engaged in or with the British furniture industry.



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