



Entry Information Pack

ICE Yorkshire and Humber Civil Engineering Awards 2027

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The Yorkshire and Humber Awards are held to promote the excellence of the civil engineering profession and to give recognition to the outstanding examples of design, research and construction undertaken by members and organisations within Yorkshire and Humber.

Project categories

Centenary Award	for projects costing £10m and over
Smeaton Award	for projects costing under £10m
Sir John Fowler Award	for innovation
Net Zero Award	for projects, studies, and research
Chair's Award	for collaboration excellence*

*Requires no application process, simply tick a box to be considered for this award when entering one of the other project awards.

People categories

STEM Ambassador of the Year
 Fairness, Inclusion and Respect (FIR) Impact Award
 Rising Star of the Year – (a) Graduates, (b) Technicians and Apprentices
 Mentor of the Year

How to enter

Please complete the relevant online entry forms using the links below and refer to the rules of entry on page 4 (for projects) and page 7 (for people) of this document:

[ICE Yorkshire & Humber Annual Awards 2027 - Project Categories – Fill out form](#)

[ICE Yorkshire & Humber Annual Awards 2027 - People Categories – Fill out form](#)

Entry fee

An entry fee applies to project award entries only. Payments can be made via the [awards page](#) and costs £200 + VAT. We will need confirmation of payment before your entry can be passed to the judges.

Key dates

Awards open	Wednesday 30 September 2026
Intention to submit deadline (projects only)	Friday 27 November 2026
Closing date	Friday 11 December 2026

Notified if project shortlisted (from preliminary judging)
Presentations (online) and judging*
Awards Ceremony at Marriott Leeds

Friday 22 January 2027
W/c 8 February 2027
Thursday 18 March 2027

*Shortlisted entries (project categories only). You will be invited to a presentation slot in the week commencing 8th February 2027.

For intention to submit notifications please email iceyandh@ice.org.uk and let us know your project title and category you intend to enter by the deadline above.

- Winners will be presented with an ICE award and certificate
- Certificates of excellence and commendation awarded for worthy entries
- Winners shared with local press and via ICE social media, newsletters and website
- Opportunity to take part in Award Winners Webinar series

The awards are a highlight of the civil engineering calendar in the region and provide a fantastic opportunity for civil engineers to celebrate achievements and showcase projects.

Awards Ceremony

The awards results will be announced at the 72nd Annual ICE Yorkshire and Humber Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner at the Leeds Marriott on **Thursday 18 March 2027**. Visit the awards page for further information including links to online table bookings: <https://www.ice.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/ice-near-you/uk/ice-yorkshire-humber/awards/annual-awards>

Sponsorship

A range of sponsorship packages are available, for further details please visit the awards page via the link above or get in touch at iceyandh@ice.org.uk

Rules of entry for project submissions

1. The object of the ICE Yorkshire and Humber Awards is to give public recognition to outstanding examples of the art and science of civil engineering.
2. The awards will be presented for civil engineering work with a regional dimension, in recognition of achievement, excellence or innovation in civil engineering. The work will normally be expected to have been completed or substantially completed not more than two years before the closing date for nominations.
3. The ICE Yorkshire and Humber Committee may make or withhold awards on the recommendation of the adjudicating panel, and the decisions of the ICE Yorkshire and Humber Committee shall be final. The awards will normally be made annually on the recommendation of at least three judges appointed by the ICE Yorkshire and Humber Committee. The Chair of the region will be a member of this panel and may exercise the right to chair the panel. Members of the adjudicating panel shall declare any conflict of interest.
4. Awards: to be eligible for submission, projects must be constructed in the Yorkshire and Humber region, designed in the region and constructed overseas, or the feasibility study/research project should have been largely undertaken in the region.

From the submitted nomination form, with supporting evidence, the judges will make a holistic assessment and invite shortlisted entrants to give an online presentation about the work. Please make a note of key dates listed on page 2.

Factors to be considered for the **Centenary and Smeaton Awards** will include value and impact on society, sustainability, net zero carbon, health safety and welfare, diversity and inclusion, quality of design, innovation and best practice, difficulty and response, collaboration, and excellence in delivery.

Questions to be answered:

- a) **Societal Impact and Legacy** - How has this project delivered meaningful value to society, and what evidence demonstrates its lasting positive impact on communities, stakeholders, or the wider industry? (Maximum 350 words)
- b) **Innovation, Sustainability and Best Practice** - In what ways has this project demonstrated innovation, sustainability, and best practice, particularly in contributing to net zero, high-quality design and health and safety? (Maximum 350 words)
- c) **Excellence in Delivery and Collaboration** - What were the key challenges faced, how were they overcome, and how did collaboration between individuals, teams, or organisations contribute to the successful delivery of exceptional outcomes? (Maximum 350 words)

Factors to be taken into account for the **Sir John Fowler Award** will include potential value and impact on society, net zero carbon, sustainability (the study/research gives due regard to financial, social and environmental sustainability), health, safety & welfare (in the conduct of the study/research and in

consideration of the potential outcomes), diversity and inclusion, quality of data collection and management, innovation and best practice, difficulty and response, collaboration and excellence in delivery.

Questions to be answered:

- a) **Potential Impact and Value** - What is the significance of this project, and how does it have the potential to deliver value and positive impact for society, the engineering profession, industry, or the environment? (maximum 350 words)
- b) **Excellence and Innovation** - How does this project demonstrate excellence in methodology, data collection and management, innovation, and the application of best practice? (maximum 350 words)
- c) **Delivery, Collaboration and Challenges** - What challenges or complexities were encountered during the project, how were they addressed, and how did collaboration, inclusivity, and consideration of health, safety and welfare contribute to the successful delivery of the work? (maximum 350 words)

The **Net Zero Award** will be presented to projects that set new standards in lowering the carbon footprint of our projects in Yorkshire and Humber. It will look at not just the construction phase, but on a whole life basis. The award will look to evidence current best practice and embedding new initiatives as they come forward to reduce the carbon footprint whilst still striving to enhance the overall environmental sustainability and social benefits of the project. The judges will be looking for evidence of: demonstratable carbon calculations; emission, energy or waste reduction; the different ways that reducing the carbon footprint has been achieved; use of innovative techniques or going above best practice; embedding the culture into the project team to showcase a visionary approach; wider environmental and societal benefits.

Questions to be answered:

- a) **Carbon Reduction** - How has the project reduced its whole-life carbon footprint, and what demonstrable evidence or calculations support the carbon, energy, emissions, or waste reductions achieved? (maximum 350 words)
- b) **Innovation and Best Practice** - What innovative approaches, technologies, materials, or processes were implemented to reduce the project's carbon footprint, and how did these go beyond standard practice or establish new benchmarks for the industry? (maximum 350 words)
- c) **Leadership, Culture and Wider Impact** - How were net zero principles embedded within the project team and decision-making process, and what wider environmental, social, and community benefits have been delivered as a result? (maximum 350 words)

5. The awards for the winners shall take the form of a trophy and certificate. Projects that are judged worthy of being commended will be recognised by appropriate certificates.

6. No work may be nominated for an award in more than one year, however initial studies /research may be submitted for the Sir John Fowler Award and then projects based in on these studies / research may

apply for the Centenary or Smeaton Awards in subsequent years. A project can be submitted for the Yorkshire and Humber Net Zero Award as well as for another award.

7. Canvassing in any form shall result in disqualification.

8. Any departure from these rules, or failure to follow the instructions on the nomination form, may result in disqualification, at the discretion of the judges.

Use of material supplied

ICE Yorkshire and Humber may use, for publicity purposes, any of the information received, with the aim of benefiting civil engineering in general and the Institution, the Yorkshire and Humber region and all those engaged in the various projects. Please provide high resolution images and indicate the preferred image (label photo 1) to be used in communications around the awards, for example website, presentation slides at ceremony, social media.

The nomination form (projects) should include a 100-word description of the project which will be used for promotion purposes.

Additional information for people submissions

STEM Ambassador of the Year

This award honours the individual who has inspired the next generation of civil engineers in the most innovative and engaging way. Using their enthusiasm and communication skills they spread the message about what a great career civil engineering is, to young people who otherwise wouldn't have thought of this career. This may be through social media, blogs, vlogs, photography, storytelling, the arts or through activities with schools, charities or other organisations.

Minimum entry requirements

Entries are open for all individuals who:

1. Are a current ICE member
2. Are registered as a STEM Learning Ambassador
3. Have completed/recorded STEM activity with the Regional Support Team in 2026.

Judging criteria

Entrants will be judged on common criteria, aimed at rewarding the individual who most clearly demonstrates commitment to inspiring the next generation and does so in a way that successfully inspires young people to go on to study civil engineering/STEM subjects. A panel of judges will assess each entry according to the extent to which it demonstrates:

Innovation

- a) They will have found a unique way to reach and inspire young people.
- b) They may have used a variety of channels to do so.

Quality

- a) The individual has brought enthusiasm and experience to an audience of young people.
- b) They have provided appropriate and useful information to enable young people to make informed decisions on their next steps to becoming a civil engineer.
- c) Through their professionalism and passion they will have acted as an inspiring role model.

Impact

- a) They will have reached and received positive feedback from young people, including those from under-represented backgrounds.
- b) They may also have inspired colleagues to become STEM Ambassadors or have inspired other STEM Ambassadors to adopt a similar approach. Alternatively, they may have worked with the ICE to enhance its outreach.

Fairness, Inclusion and Respect (FIR) Impact Award

The Fairness, Inclusion and Respect Impact Award is open to all members in the Yorkshire & Humber region and will be assessed on recent activity and impact made. This award is for an ICE member who is passionate about ensuring the profession is inclusive and representative, who takes a holistic view of fairness, inclusion and respect, challenges discrimination where they see it, and makes targeted efforts to include others. The nominee should act as a role model in championing equity in relation to diversity

issues; they may facilitate events, activities and initiatives that promote a wider understanding of different cultures and/or underrepresented groups; and they should be an advocate for inclusion and diversity improvements in the workplace and have a positive impact on organisational culture.

The ICE, regional committee and commitment to FIR

As a membership organisation and an employer, the ICE values equity, diversity and inclusion. Informed by the ICE Yorkshire and Humber Fairness, Inclusion and Respect (FIR) Action Group, we work to create a fair environment free from harassment and discrimination. The regional committee has a role in highlighting diversity issues, sharing best practice and, by increasing awareness, helps others to see how they can do more. We're looking for successes in encouraging and celebrating fairness, inclusion and respect at all levels - it can be a large programme or smaller targeted activity.

Judging criteria:

1. **Approach** - Detail the main objectives, challenges, and success measures. Give examples of how you openly encouraged and celebrated fairness, inclusion and respect within the office and/or on the project.
2. **Impact** - Show any evidence of a change - in culture, perceptions, morale and/or policies. Did you get any feedback, and will it influence your next steps?
3. **Breadth** - Explain how far your efforts and / or your impacts extended - include any evidence of teamwork, not forgetting sub-contractors and the supply chain, if relevant. What else is countable – remember attendees at talks, blogs, social posts etc.

Rising Star of the Year – (i) Graduates and (ii) Technicians and Apprentices

There are two Rising Star Awards, one for graduate members and one for technicians and apprentices. We are looking for people who show enthusiasm and passion for engineering, go the extra mile and are already showing inclusive leadership qualities. Free to enter.

Mentor of the Year

This award is for an ICE member who is passionate about championing the development of others, promoting excellence and ensuring the profession is inclusive and representative. The nominee should be seen as a role model in their organisation or the wider profession and have made a positive impact on the people they mentor. This award is open to all mentors, including SCEs and DEs. Free to enter.