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Awards 2025

Yorkshire and
Humber



Above picture: David Oluwale Bridge
Smeaton Award Winner 2024

ICE Yorkshire and Humber Civil Engineering Awards 2025

Entry Information Pack

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The ICE Yorkshire and Humber Awards give public recognition to outstanding examples of the art of civil engineering.

Awards are made for civil engineering projects with a regional dimension in recognition of achievement, excellence or innovation in civil engineering. Nominated projects will normally be expected to have been completed or substantially completed not more than two years before the closing date for nominations.

Factors to be taken into account will include value and impact on society, sustainability, net zero carbon, health, safety and welfare, quality of design, innovation and best practice, difficulty and response, diversity and inclusion, collaboration and excellence in delivery.

To be eligible for submission projects must be constructed in the Yorkshire and Humber region, designed in the region and constructed overseas, or a feasibility study/research project largely undertaken in the region.

Categories

Centenary Award	For projects £5m and over
Smeaton Award	For projects £5m and under
Sir John Fowler Award	For studies and research
Net Zero Award	For projects, studies and research

Nomination Form

Please click the link below to complete the online nomination form. It is recommended that you keep a word processed copy of your nomination in case of data loss while completing the online form.

Enter: <https://form.jotform.com/242484606218357>

Entry Fee

Standard entry fee for completed entries to be received by the closing date of Friday 17 January 2025 (by 5pm), is £200 plus VAT.

Payment can be made via a link on the awards page.

<https://www.ice.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/ice-near-you/uk/ice-yorkshire-humber/awards/annual-awards>

We will need confirmation of payment before we submit your application to the judges.

Key dates

Date	Schedule
Monday 11 November 2024	Opening date
Friday 17 January 2025	Closing date
12 - 13 February 2025	Judging and interviews
Thursday 13 March 2025	Awards Ceremony

Rules of entry

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 made 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. From the submitted nomination form, with supporting evidence, the judges will make a holistic assessment and may invite shortlisted entrants to give a presentation about the work. The judges may, on some occasions, request further information, an inspection or interviews with appropriate personnel.

Factors to be taken into account 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.

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.

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. It is a condition of entry that any trophy awarded is returned to ICE Yorkshire and Humber when requested.

8. Canvassing in any form shall result in disqualification.

9. 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.

10. 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. The awards are:

Centenary Award

For projects £5m and over

Smeaton Award

For projects less than £5m

Sir John Fowler Award

For studies and research

Yorkshire and Humber Net Zero Award

For projects, studies and research

This new award introduced in 2022 is 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.

11. Nominations for the award shall be submitted to ICE Yorkshire and Humber by any of the means described on the nomination form. The nomination shall conform to the requirements stated on the nomination form.

Nomination

Your nomination form should convince the judges that your work is worthy of recognition. As with any written communication, you need to know your target audience. In this case, this is the judges, and no-one else, and all of the judges will be qualified civil engineers. They will want to know in what ways your work demonstrates excellence in civil engineering, so you need to address as many as possible of the key words in the rules, especially in Rule 4. No work is likely to excel in all aspects. It is very important that the nomination form makes as good a case as possible, as this is the only information that the judges will have when deciding the shortlist.

Bear in mind that it is the people and companies who have contributed to the work that are being recognised as well as the project itself. The characteristics and reputation of a company, and what success it may have had with other projects, are of no relevance whatsoever.

These are civil engineering awards and we have found from past experience that the strongest submissions are those where the content is decided by civil engineers, even if the presentation of the information is finalised by others. The judging panel makes its decisions on solid facts and evidence.

The nomination will consist of a nomination form, completed online, with up to four photographs.

Presentation to judges

If shortlisted for any of the awards, you will be invited to give a presentation explaining why your nomination is deserving of recognition.

The presentation, by one, two or three people, will be held online. The maximum time allowed will be 20 minutes, followed by questions from the judges to all members of the presentation party, which should not normally exceed three people. Drawings, models and additional photographs may be shown in the presentation. The standard of the presentation itself will not affect the judges' assessment but it must communicate to the judges the reasons that your work is deserving of recognition.

Once a date and time has been confirmed the entrant must submit a list of the names and contact details, with employers' names, of the personnel attending the presentation.

Description of project

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

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 in particular.

Those associated with the schemes are encouraged to liaise with ICE Yorkshire and Humber and to promote their own publicity, including features in brochures and in-house magazines, subject to any embargo. ICE Yorkshire and Humber may provide opportunities to exhibit photographs, video footage and other illustrations relating to an award-winning project and will assist with such exhibitions.

Awards Ceremony

The awards results will be announced at the 70th Annual ICE Yorkshire and Humber Awards Ceremony at The Majestic Hotel in Harrogate on **Thursday 13 March 2025**.

Visit the awards page for further information including links to online bookings:

<https://www.ice.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/ice-near-you/uk/ice-yorkshire-humber/awards/annual-awards>

Sponsorship

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