

The image is a promotional poster for the ICE London Awards 2026. The top half features a night-time aerial view of the London skyline, with the River Thames in the foreground and the Tower Bridge illuminated. The background is a dark blue gradient with a white geometric pattern of overlapping triangles. In the top left corner, there is a teal square containing the 'ice' logo in white lowercase letters. Below the logo, the word 'London' is written in white. The bottom half of the poster is a solid blue background with the same white geometric pattern. The text 'Call for entries' and 'ICE London Awards 2026' is written in white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, the website 'ice.org.uk' is displayed in white.

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Introduction

ICE London Awards provide an opportunity to showcase outstanding civil engineering achievement, innovation and ingenuity in the region.

Winners will be announced at the ICE London Awards.

The awards ceremony will take place in One Great George Street on Wednesday, 30 September 2026.

The awards will be presented to the attending organisation or other partners (commissioning authority, designer, contractor or research establishment as appropriate) or individuals.

Project categories this year include:

- Best Project - Small (under £5m)
- Best Project - Large (over £5m)
- Best Project - Innovation
- Best Project - Sustainability
- Best Project - Asset Resilience
- Team of the Year

People categories this year include:

- Rising Star of the Year
- Mentor of the Year

All completed entries should be submitted via the WeTransfer platform to the following email:
london@ice.org.uk

Please contact ICE London for more information via:

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Last date for submitting entries is Friday, 22 May 2026.

Rules of entry

The Awards celebrate the work of professionals engaged in civil engineering infrastructure and the built environment in London. All entries should demonstrate civil engineering at its best and, where applicable, their alignment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

Civil engineering is all about helping people and shaping the world. It's the work that civil engineers do to improve lives while also developing wider benefits to society and the environment including:

Keeping the nation powered and switched on by supplying energy to our homes.

Providing clean water and purifying waste water before it is discharged to rivers from where it can be re-used.

Creating and maintaining transport infrastructure, from roads and bridges to railways and airports, so that people can get around.

Developing solutions to overcome problems such as pollution or working with nature to minimise flooding.

Ensuring infrastructure projects - both new and enhanced - embed net zero strategies in all decision making.

Award entries must conform to the rules of entry and the category descriptions set out in this document.

- Projects submitted must have been substantially completed between **January 2024 and December 2025**. Projects that sit outside that window may enter and will be considered by exemption.
- In case of longer-term projects (over more than one calendar year), the submitting organisation should decide in which year the project has made a significant impact and enter accordingly. It may be appropriate to enter a stand-alone element of the project into an appropriate category, and the completed project in future awards.
- Different elements of a project may be entered in different categories where appropriate (e.g. Small Project and Team Award categories), as long as the submissions correspond to the relevant judging criteria.



Submissions

Submissions must include all the following; failure to include any element may result in disqualification.

Payment of the entry fees:

- A fee of £250 + VAT is to be paid at the time of submission. The deadline for entries is **Friday, 22 May 2026**.
 - No fee is required from academic institutions wishing to submit entries, or for any People Award nominations.
 - Entrants should make payment online.
 - A completed entry form where all involved parties are listed, with their roles specified.
 - Evidence of prior written approval to the entry by all involved parties must be included in the submission. This approval of entry is presumed to also cover approval of all subsequent promotion of the (Awards) by ICE.
 - It is the entrant's responsibility to provide all relevant permissions; failure to provide these at the time of submission may result in the entry being withdrawn.
 - The submission should set out the conception, realisation and execution of the project with particular emphasis on the points included in the judging criteria.
- For Project categories, include a 400-word **executive summary** of the entry. This is intended to highlight key aspects of the submission and areas of excellence, including any special features. The executive summary wording may also be used in promotion of the entry in the London marketing and publicity materials.
 - A submission on the standard form - note maximum 200 words for each criterion (excluding the executive summary) presented in PDF format, including copy text.
 - **Photographs** and images/drawings can be submitted separately as long as the total submission does not exceed 10Mb.
 - Please contact the ICE London RST for further guidance. All pages should be suitable for printing in A4 format.
 - **High resolution logos of each of the named partners in the project must also be provided** – files must be in JPEG format and suitable for projection and high-quality printing.



- **All photographs** / images illustrating the project should be of **high-resolution** (minimum of 1Mb) JPEG format at a resolution of not less than 300dpi. One of these photographs should be highlighted and captioned as the image to be used in the main publicity material and for promotion of the entry at the awards ceremony. **Copyright ownership or permission must also be evidenced.**
- **For People Awards**, please provide a high resolution head shot of the nominated person.
- **Paper submissions**, in whole or part, **will not be accepted.** Entries should be submitted in the format detailed within the rules of entry above.
- Additional **supporting material** may be included, but should be concise and clearly referenced within the entry submission (i.e. using page/diagram/figure details) otherwise it may be disregarded by the judges. Electronic visualisations may be included to emphasise or explain a particular part of the design or process, but will not form part of the judging process.
- It is the responsibility of the entrant to **declare**, at time of submission, any instances of negative media coverage related to the project. Please note that this will not affect the judging process and is for awareness purposes for ICE external media planning.
- All entry materials should be submitted via **WeTransfer.com**

Judging process

- Entries will be shortlisted and winners will be announced at the awards ceremony. No announcements will be made in advance.
- The judges can only act on the information provided in the submission. No prior knowledge can be assumed by submitting organisations.
- ICE London reserves the right to edit any copy submitted due to editorial constraints in our marketing and promotions. **ICE London also reserves the right to use images submitted in any future publications, news items and promotional materials as appropriate.**
- It is the entrant's responsibility to determine which category an entry is eligible for. If the judges decide that a submission is inappropriate or incorrect for the category, they reserve the right to reject the submission. The judges will decide whether entries are worthy of an award, highly commended or commended level in each award category.
- The judges' decision is final and binding on all entrants and no discussions or correspondence relating to any of the judges' decisions will be entered into. Judges, at their discretion, may make more than one award for each category, but they also reserve the right to withhold from making an award if the submissions are not of the required quality.





Categories

Any civil engineering project and design, team activity or individual may be entered for an award, provided the project, study or civil engineer meets the criteria as listed in the Project or People awards' category descriptions.

PEOPLE AWARDS

RISING STAR OF THE YEAR

Rising Star of the Year award will celebrate an individual who has demonstrated integrity and professionalism in their employment and voluntary activities.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Mentor of the Year award will honour a mentor who has guided and supported their mentees, along with their impact on professional growth and contributions to the wider community.





PROJECT AWARDS

BEST PROJECT - SMALL (UNDER £5M)

Best Project - Small award celebrates projects that have impactful features and benefit the community, while addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

BEST PROJECT - LARGE (OVER £5M)

Best Project - Large award celebrates projects that have impactful features and benefit the community, while addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

BEST PROJECT - INNOVATION

Best Project - Innovation award celebrates ground-breaking developments in products, materials and ways of working which changes future practices.

BEST PROJECT - SUSTAINABILITY

Best Project - Sustainability award highlights initiatives by teams to integrate sustainable practices at any stage of the project lifecycle (strategy, planning, design, construction and handover), including its environmental, social, and economic aspects.

BEST PROJECT - ASSET RESILIENCE

Best Project - Asset Resilience award highlights a project's effectiveness in preserving infrastructure against climate challenges, ensuring safety, optimising efficiency, and its contribution to the long-term sustainability of the asset portfolio.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Team of the Year celebrates a team that collaborated and showcased excellence in project management.

It will look at the team's approach to project management, problem solving and collaborating while coming up with creative solutions to overcome challenges.

Judging criteria

The judges will consider each entry against the following criteria laid out in the entry forms. Only include elements relevant to the award for which you are submitting. The judging panel, chaired by a senior member of the profession, will comprise civil engineers and other professionals working in the built environment.

PEOPLE AWARDS

RISING STAR OF THE YEAR

For submitting your entry in this category, the candidate should be **working towards achieving their profession qualification (CEng, IEng or EngTech).**

Please provide a citation of no more than 600 words that explains:

- Highlighting innovative and sustainable practices or ways of working with demonstrable impact on the project or business.
- Going above and beyond the role to ensure successful delivery of projects.
- Showing high standards of professional conduct, integrity and teamwork in employment and voluntary activities.
- Promotion of civil engineering (to general public, young people and/or other professionals).
- Developing a culture of fairness and inclusion, ensuring all teams or members feel valued and included.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

The nomination entry for this category should cover the following criteria in 500 words:

- Examples of the mentor's dedication to the continuous growth and development of their mentee's technical knowledge, skills and professional capabilities.
- Examples of the ability to significantly influence the mentee's career, contributing to their advancement, confidence, and leadership abilities.
- The mentor's efforts to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity within the professional setting, encouraging mentees from diverse backgrounds.



PROJECT AWARDS

BEST PROJECT - SMALL (UNDER £5M)

Outline the project's objectives, scope, and the challenges it aimed to address. (400 words)

The nomination entry should cover 200 words each for the following criteria:

- How is your project addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Impact the design has had on the public and user's perception and experience of infrastructure.
- How did the project ensure inclusivity and accessibility for all members of the community, including individuals with disabilities.
- Tangible and quantifiable benefits that the project was able to bring to the community or nationally, be it economic, social, and/or environmental.
- Design or construction features that future proof the project against perceived challenges in the long term.

BEST PROJECT - LARGE (OVER £5M)

- Outline the project's objectives, scope, and the challenges it aimed to address. (400 words)
- The nomination entry should cover 200 words each for the following criteria:
- How is your project addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Impact the design has had on the public and user's perception and experience of infrastructure.
- How did the project ensure inclusivity and accessibility for all members of the community, including individuals with disabilities.
- Tangible and quantifiable benefits that the project was able to bring to the community or nationally, be it economic, social, and/or environmental.
- Design or construction features that future proof the project against perceived challenges in the long term.



BEST PROJECT - INNOVATION

Outline the project's objectives, scope, and the challenges it aimed to address. (400 words)

The nomination entry should cover 200 words each for the following criteria:

- Examples from the project where innovative solutions to address challenges in the field of civil engineering were used. It can be based on technology, materials, or processes that set it apart from the conventional approach.
- Evidence of the project's positive impact on the civil engineering sector. It can be through improved efficiency, cost-effectiveness, or sustainability.
- Ways in which the project contributed to sustainable practices that minimised environmental impact, i.e. making it more energy efficient etc.
- Testimonials, case studies, or data that demonstrate the impact and effectiveness of the innovation.
- Describe how the innovation implemented can be replicated or adapted for future projects.

BEST PROJECT - SUSTAINABILITY

Outline the project's objectives, scope, and the challenges it aimed to address. (400 words)

The nomination entry should cover 200 words each for the following criteria:

- The project's effectiveness in minimising environmental harm, identifying opportunities for environmental enhancement and making efficient use of natural resources.
- Explain the use of innovative and forward-thinking design principles that enhance the project's sustainability and resilience.
- Project's commitment to sustainability over its entire lifecycle - from design and construction through to operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning.
- How did the project adhere to industry standards – could cover local and national sustainability guidelines.
- Examples of how the project improved lives of the community through improved infrastructure, enhanced quality of life, or economic development etc. It can include metrics that demonstrate social value, such as job creation or community well-being indicators.
- Project's contribution to the well-being and sustainability of the local community, including its positive social impact, if any.



BEST PROJECT - ASSET RESILIENCE

Outline the project's objectives, scope, and the challenges it aimed to address. (400 words)

The nomination entry should cover 200 words each for the following criteria:

- The project's effectiveness in extending lifespan of the infrastructure and ensuring it remains in good working condition for the long term.
- Innovative methods, tools, or technologies used to perform the maintenance efficiently while minimising disruption and improving outcomes.
- How has the work undertaken contributed to enhancing safety for users, workers, and the surrounding environment, while reducing potential risks.
- Efficiently using financial and material resources to achieve cost savings while maintaining or improving the asset.
- Environmentally sustainable practices implemented during the maintenance project to reduce environmental impact and promote sustainability.

TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Outline the project's objectives, scope, and the challenges it aimed to address. (400 words)

The nomination entry should cover 200 words each for the following criteria:

- Creative solutions that the team implemented during the project. You can highlight any unique contributions that set the project apart.
- Illustrate the team's ability to solve challenges and make critical decisions by sharing examples of how the team navigated obstacles and adapted to changing circumstances.
- Team's approach to project management, including planning, execution, and monitoring. For instance, you can showcase effective use of resources, time management, and budget adherence.



Sponsorship opportunities

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) is a professional membership body with over 97,000 members in more than 150 countries. The ICE work to develop and qualify professionals engaged on infrastructure projects. The ICE provide informed opinion, concerning the needs of infrastructure and the built environment, that is listened to by both government and industry.

ICE awards professional qualifications that set the industry standard, lead the thinking around infrastructure and the built environment and provides an unmatched level of learning resources and networks.

Membership of ICE sets professionals apart through recognition and status, providing access to life-long learning resources and networks.

GEOGRAPHICALLY TARGETED

ICE London represents and supports more than 10,000 members living and working in the region. We work to develop and qualify professionals engaged in civil engineering in the region. We also encourage knowledge sharing and best practice for the creation of a sustainable built environment.

Partnering with ICE London gives you an unparalleled opportunity to promote your company and achievements to London members of all grades- students, graduates, members, fellows and associates - wider stakeholders, senior decision makers and influencers and to raise the profile of civil engineering as a career choice and profession.

BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP

Enhance your brand and increase visibility through association with ICE's reputation, authority and excellence within the engineering profession.

Promote your company through our extensive marketing campaigns to support events which include e-news, website, social media and regional media.

Generate new business leads by reaching your target audience of key decision makers, budget holders and opinion formers.

OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE PLEDGE

ICE London will work closely with each client to tailor the event you sponsor for your business and marketing priorities.

ICE London aims to exceed your expectations by ensuring you receive excellent customer service every step of the way.

ICE London is committed to continually achieving high standards and client satisfaction.

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