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Awards 2027



ICE North West Awards

Application Pack

Entering our awards

We're open for entries!

Our ICE North West Awards recognise excellence, collaboration and innovative concepts in civil engineering practice, plus outstanding members across the ICE North West region.

This application pack includes the rules of entry, an overview of our award categories and entry information for each category.

Download your nomination form from the [ICE North West Awards page](#).

When complete, submit your nomination and additional files to nwawards@ice.org.uk.

Key dates

Friday 11 December 2026

- Expression of Interest deadline

Friday 22 January 2027

- Entry deadline

Thursday 06 May 2027

- Awards ceremony in Manchester

Queries?

If you have any queries regarding your nomination, please contact us via:



nwawards@ice.org.uk



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Rules of entry

Please ensure you read the rules of entry **before** completing an Expression of Interest form or starting your application.

1. All project award entries **must** clearly be located within the ICE North West region: Cheshire, Cumbria, the Isle of Man, Lancashire, Greater Manchester or Merseyside.
2. Anyone nominated for a people award **must** either work or live in the ICE North West region.
3. Agreement to submit an entry **must** be obtained from all relevant parties; these parties must be listed within the entry.
4. All project award entries **must** be a completed project within the last two calendar years (2025 or 2026).

Additional information

All submitted entries will be considered and the winning entries will be announced at the awards ceremony.

The judges can **only** act on the information provided in the submission and the judges' decision is final.

ICE North West reserves the right to edit any copy submitted due to editorial constraints in our news releases and blogs and to use images submitted in any future publications, news items, blogs and promotional materials. This covers subsequent publicity and promotion of the awards by ICE North West for presentation, social media and other media purposes.

Category winners may be contacted to share their learnings via an ICE lecture, blog or online event as appropriate.

Categories

We have a number of project and people-based categories – you can enter as many categories as you like.

Entry information for the categories begins on page 4.

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- Project awards
 - Small Project*
 - Medium Project*
 - Large Project*
 - Constructability*
 - Future Resilience*
 - Mercer Innovation (*included within all the above entries*)
- People awards
 - Rising Star
 - Apprentices and Technicians
 - Graduates
 - STEM Ambassador
 - Mentor



*£250 +VAT
entry fee
applies

Project award entries

This page contains information for the following categories: Small Project, Medium Project, Large Project, Constructability and Future Resilience. To enter the Mercer Innovation Award, complete the excellence and innovation section within the application form.

Award criteria

- The project **must** be:
 - Completed project within the last two calendar years (2025 or 2026)
 - Within the ICE North West region: Cheshire, Cumbria, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Greater Manchester or Merseyside.

Entry fee

- £250 +VAT entry fee applies for all Small Project, Medium Project, Large Project, Constructability and Future Resilience award entries.
- Please pay for your entry before making a submission and note your payment reference on the nomination form.

Nomination details

Below is a summary of the entry information we need. Please note each category also has specific questions. You'll find these from page 5.

- Project name
- Completion date
- Budget
- Location
- Nominated by (name, email, phone number)
- PR/marketing contact (name, email)
- Partners involved: client, designer, civils, contractor
 - Other key organisations (optional)
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant to the project
- At least two high resolution images (1MB or over) of the completed project – with permission and any relevant copyright information
 - We also welcome videos, images during construction and/or plans and drawings
- You need to confirm that you have permission from partners to submit.

Small, Medium and Large Projects

£250 +VAT
entry fee
applies

About these awards

These awards recognise excellence and imaginative concepts in civil engineering practice across the ICE North West region and are defined as:

- Small Project (under £5m)
- Medium Project (between £5m and £20m)
- Large Project (over £20m).

Nominee questions

What makes your project a civil engineering award-winning entry? 50 words

- Be inspirational!

What was the client brief and how did you deliver it? 400 words

- Including the main objectives and design ambition, challenges, project management, inclusion and teamwork, community engagement, and exemplary health, safety and welfare.

What specific sustainability measures were the focus of this project? 200 words

- Including social value, influence on end users, carbon and climate resilience.

Impact and outcomes: 300 words

- Give examples of positive impact and outcomes of the project, including delivery against budget and timescale.

Mercer Innovation Award (optional – no additional fee required to enter)

Excellence and innovation: 300 words

- Specify any innovative practice that is truly at the forefront of the civil engineering profession. This section will be considered separately by the judges for the Mercer Innovation Award.

Constructability

£250 +VAT
entry fee
applies

About this award

The Constructability Award focuses on the integration of temporary works within a main project. It looks at how a collaborative approach between the permanent works designer(s) and temporary works designer(s) can deliver excellence.

Nominee questions

What makes your project a civil engineering award-winning entry? 50 words

- Be inspirational!

What was the client brief and how did you deliver it? 400 words

- Including the main objectives, details of temporary works management, budget, timescale, inclusion and teamwork, and exemplary health, safety and welfare.

Why did you use the chosen construction methods? 300 words

- E.g. innovative solutions, temporary works incorporated into the permanent works, managing significant risks, environmental management and sustainability.

Explain how the permanent works designer and temporary works designer worked well together to deliver the outcomes: 200 words

- E.g. early contractor involvement, collaborative approach to constructability, review of construction methods, consideration of alternative solutions, information sharing protocol, use of technology.

Mercer Innovation Award (optional - no additional fee required to enter)

Excellence and innovation: 300 words

- Specify any innovative practice that is truly at the forefront of the civil engineering profession. This section will be considered separately by the judges for the Mercer Innovation Award.

Future Resilience

£250 +VAT
entry fee
applies

About this award

We are looking for schemes that demonstrate how infrastructure can be **repaired**, **refurbished** or **redeveloped** for future generations. This award will be assessed on the positive outcomes your project is delivering and how it's addressing broader challenges of resilience through infrastructure solutions.

Nominee questions

What makes your project a civil engineering award-winning entry? 50 words

- Be inspirational!

What was the client brief and how did you influence it? 300 words

- Including the main objectives, challenges, sustainability and success measures.

How have you developed good practice on your project to maximise the potential of collaboration with multiple stakeholders? 300 words

- Including details on partnership work and community involvement to support local regeneration, placemaking, positive impact on health and wellbeing, and ease of ongoing maintenance.

Impact and outcomes: 300 words

- Including changing perceptions, finding alternative solutions, providing future resilience and the social value and benefit for end users/society.

Mercer Innovation Award (optional - no additional fee required to enter)

Excellence and innovation: 300 words

- Specify any innovative practice that is truly at the forefront of the civil engineering profession. This section will be considered separately by the judges for the Mercer Innovation Award.

People award entries

Free to
enter

This page contains information for the following categories:
Rising Star, STEM Ambassador and Mentor.

Award criteria

- Nominees **must** be ICE members based within ICE North West boundaries: Cheshire, Cumbria, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Greater Manchester or Merseyside
- Entries **must** relate to activity primarily in the North West region and should have occurred within the last two calendar years, although activity over a longer period will also be considered for context
- These awards can be either self nominated or nominated by others
- **Rising Stars:** nominees must be in the first five years of their civil engineering career
- **STEM Ambassadors:** nominees must be registered as a STEM Learning Ambassador for ICE
- **Mentor:** nominees ideally would be working for the benefit of other ICE members, but may also be mentoring for the benefit of the wider profession.

Nomination details

Below is a summary of the entry information we need. Please note each category also has specific questions. You'll find these from page 9.

- Name
- Employer
- Job title
- ICE membership number
- Email
- One high resolution image of the nominee **must** be included
 - The image must only include **head and shoulders** – see infographic above
 - Must be **1MB** or over
 - Always send the largest size possible when attaching or emailing
- We also welcome videos, other images, feedback and/or articles
- Please ensure all images are permitted to be used. They may be included in promotional material.



Rising Star

Free to
enter

About this award

There are two Rising Star Awards, one each for:

- Apprentice and technician members;
- Graduate members.

We are looking for people who show enthusiasm and passion for engineering, go the extra mile and are already showing inclusive leadership qualities.

The winners of the Rising Star Awards will get the opportunity to work with the ICE North West chair as a regional future leader.

Nominee questions

What makes you a rising star in the profession? 50 words

- Be inspirational!

Tell us about yourself: 700 words

- Successes
 - What is your role and what are your civil engineering career highlights to date?
 - What motivates you?
 - What recognition have you received for your efforts?
- Enthusiasm and passion
 - What enthuses and inspires you?
 - Have you found ways to inspire others?
- Inclusive leadership qualities
 - How do you grasp opportunities to progress your development?
 - What have you done to be more inclusive of colleagues?
 - What sets you apart from others?

What is your vision for the future of civil engineering? 150 words

- Share your vision with us. Be direct and bold on the industry matters that are important to you.

Testimonial: 100 words

Please add a brief supporter testimonial as part of your entry.

STEM Ambassador

Free to
enter

About this award

This award honours an individual who clearly demonstrates their commitment to inspiring the next generation of civil engineers in a **voluntary** capacity.

The nominee may use tools such as social media, blogs, vlogs, photography, storytelling, the arts or connect with others through activities with schools, charities or other organisations.

The ICE North West winner will be put forward for the national ICE STEM Ambassador of the Year Award 2027.

Nominee questions

What makes you an award-winning STEM Ambassador? 100 words

- Any achievements and what is it that makes you stand out?

Please explain how you meet the judging criteria: 700 words

- Innovation
 - Include any unique ways you reach and inspire young people and let us know what channels you've used to get your message across.
- Quality
 - Tell us about your enthusiasm and experience and how you bring it to your audience. What information have you used to help young people to make informed decisions on their next steps to becoming a civil engineer? Are there ways in which you act as a role model to others?
- Impact
 - Share with us any positive feedback from young people, including people from under-represented backgrounds. We also want to know if you've inspired others to become STEM Ambassadors or adopt new approaches.

About this award

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.

Nominee questions

What makes you an award-winning mentor? 50 words

- Be inspirational!

Tell us how you meet the judging criteria: 700 words

- Support and development
 - What is your role and what are your highlights as a mentor to date?
 - How do you share your knowledge and time to support the development and inclusion of others?
 - How do you nurture excellence and innovation?
- Role model
 - What inspires you to be a mentor?
 - How do you inspire confidence and leadership?
 - How do you promote fairness, inclusion and respect?

What is your vision for the future of civil engineering? 150 words

- Share your vision with us. What are the industry matters that are important to you?

**All entries to be submitted
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by Friday 22 January 2027**

**Thanks for entering the
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