

The Institution of StructuralEngineers

As Midland Counties Regional Group celebrates its **Centenary year** in 2024, the Regional Group Committee welcomes you to celebrate the occasion and this year's **Black Tie** event with the Regional group members, past chairmen, and the Institution's current President, **Tanya de Hoog**, and CEO **Yasmin Becker**.

The Annual Dinner and Structural Awards Ceremony will be held in the wonderful setting of The Studio Theatre at Birmingham Library (Unique Venues Birmingham) on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

The event is open to **all** and not restricted to IStructE Members and their partners. Friends and colleagues from the wider design team, as well as contractors, clients, and collaborators, are most welcome to attend.

Although it is not necessary to book a full table, a bulk booking discount is available for tables of ten (details over page).

The Awards will be presented at the Dinner by **Tanya de Hoog**.

During the dinner, a **raffle** will be held with all proceeds to be donated to the Institution's **Benevolent Fund**.

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Guest Speaker: David Bryon

David Bryon was part of the senior team that setup the low cost carrier BMIbaby which launched in 2002. Dave served as Commercial Director and Managing Director.

Dave now has a successful media career that includes an after-dinner comedy routine (based around flying), business keynote presentations, awards evening host, and MC for charity events & auctions.



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Magic Entertainment during Dinner: William Poliet

William Poliet is an international magician who will mingle and perform mind-blowing sleight of hand magic, mentalism and hypnosis with playing cards, money, jewellery and borrowed objects.

He will create some unforgettable magic moments and souvenirs that will last forever



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Ticket details

Members: £80+VAT

Concessions (Students, Graduates and Retired): £50 + VAT

Table of 10: £720+VAT (10% discount)

Regional Group Chair's Contact Details

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Booking details

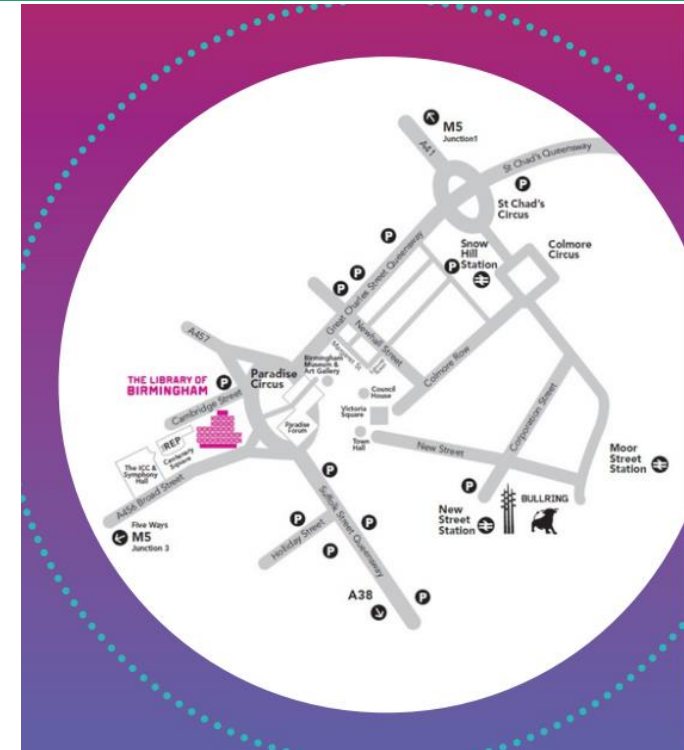
To book your place register and pay online **before Friday 11th October 2024:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-dinner-and-structural-awards-ceremony-2024-tickets-964505370527>

A request for an invoice from the Institution of Structural Engineers can be requested through Eventbrite.

Please provide dietary requirements to the Regional Group Chair.

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6 Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EP**

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Judging

The judging criteria have been designed to ensure that the **Midland Counties Regional Group** Structural Awards recognise and celebrate the immense skill structural engineers demonstrate in designing and constructing a wide range of structures.

All entries will be judged in response to four key attributes that exemplify structural engineering achievement:

1) Planet

Your entry may consider efficiency of design and (or) execution, sustainability, resilience, response to local conditions, regeneration, circular economy principles, alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. All entries must submit quantification of the embodied carbon footprint of the structure (not the whole project) using the IStructE carbon calculator tool.

2) People

Your entry may consider collaborative design and (or) execution and procurement, adding value for the client and stakeholders and/or impact on communities through local upskilling or creative problem solving. How does this project benefit its end users and society more widely?

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3) Process

Your entry may consider technical achievement and innovation, influencing briefs to achieve desired outcomes, and/or the appreciation of craft and artistry in the final product. You could give examples of originality and the application of new and improved technologies and processes in the structural design or execution of structural projects, particularly where these have led to greater efficiency and economy in the solution.

4) Profession

Your entry answer may consider how the project/project team has inspired others, raised standards of design and execution, and/or enhanced the reputation of the profession. If you've used novel materials or technologies, then how will the wider profession benefit from this? Have you disseminated your design to others, shared knowledge with others outside of the immediate project team or used this design educationally within or outside of your organisation?

Entries are to be submitted by
Friday 11th October 2024

Award Categories

One of the things that makes the **Midland Counties Regional Group** Structural Awards unique is that we no longer have traditional award categories. This is because we want to be able to recognise the very best structural engineering projects each year without limitations.

Our judging panel eagerly anticipates entries showcasing remarkable accomplishments, whether from small-scale projects with profound local impact to large-scale complex endeavours. This open approach reflects our commitment to honouring excellence in structural engineering wherever it may be found.

The only requirement is that your project celebrates the incredible skill of structural engineers in relation to at least one of the four key attributes of Planet, People, Process and Profession.

The judging panel will score all entries in relation to the judging criteria and the highest scoring projects will form the shortlist.

The best projects will be awarded a Structural Award at the dinner ceremony on Wednesday 6th November.

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Who Can Participate

1. Structural Engineering **Design** Practice.
 2. Structural Engineering **Contractor** (Permanent Works, Temporary Works/Demolition Works).
 3. Structural Engineering **Academics**.
 4. **Structural Engineers** for the **Young Achiever Award** (*outstanding achievements of a Structural engineer under the age of thirty*)
- *All four participant categories are to be based in the Midlands.*
 - *All four participant categories will be judged based on the four key attributes: Planet, People, Process and Profession.*
 - *The entries are open to any structural engineering field, such as buildings, bridges, underground structures, ports, industrial structures, power plant structures, etc.*

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Submission requirements:

The awards are to recognise notable structural design or construction achievements and academic papers. We will also celebrate the achievement of our Midlands based young talents.

- Submissions will be independently judged, and awards will be presented on the basis of merit alone and not on size or cost.
- For structural design entries

Design projects may be anywhere in the world but the design must have been undertaken by a Structural Engineering practice based in the Midlands.

- For structural construction entries

The construction project and the contractor must be based in the Midlands

- The project (design or construction) must be completed, or be due for completion, between September 2023 – September 2024. Please provide a single side, single line spaced report outlining the description, cost and location of the project along with the details of the company submitting the entry. Please also provide details of any structural features that make the project suitable for the award. Submissions may include drawings and photographs, but overall submissions should not exceed five A3 or A4 sized sheets, and these should be suitable for display at the award ceremony.
- The academic papers are to be authored by academics from a Midlands University.
- The Young Achiever Award submission, highlighting the achievements which make them suitable for the award, should not exceed two A3 or A4 sized sheets.

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How to Enter:

Entries should be printed and sent by post to the address below, clearly stating under which judging key attribute category the project is to be judged. In addition, a pdf copy of the entry should be emailed to the email address below.

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The Winning and Commended submissions in each category will receive a certificate during the Regional Annual Dinner on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

(The judges reserve the right to withhold an award should the entries in a category not meet the required standards).

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Terms and Conditions

To enter your project(s) in the **Midland Counties Regional Group** Structural Awards 2024, your entry must adhere to the following terms and conditions:

1. Your complete entry must be received by the final closing deadline of 17:00 BST on **Friday 11th October 2024**.
2. Entries may be submitted by any company involved in the project, but all members of the project team, including the client, must have given consent for the project to be entered in the awards.
3. All project accreditation between project team members must be agreed prior to making the entry. Please note that if a discrepancy arises between project team members, the project will be ineligible for consideration until the issue is resolved.
4. The project (design or construction) must be completed, or be due for completion, between September 2023 – September 2024.
5. Entry will only be accepted via post and email. All documents and information must be submitted as instructed. For details, see page 6 “Submission Requirements”.
6. The judges’ decision on all winners and commendations is final. It is not possible to provide individual feedback for any entries.
7. Information submitted, and photographic copyright of any project images, will remain with the authors. Image files and illustrated reports must be clearly identified in the file name in order for authors to be credited. However, by submitting an entry you consent to the IStructE using all information and media in any of its communications. This may include, but is not limited to, print and digital marketing, PR and exhibition purposes. The Institution may allow third parties (eg journalists) to use such works for the purposes of promoting the **Midland Counties Regional Group** Structural Awards.

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