



Consultancy & Engineering AWARDS 2024

30 January 2025 Royal Garden Hotel Kensington

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 18th Consultancy and Engineering Awards Gala Dinner!

It's fantastic to see so many of you here tonight, gathered to celebrate the brilliant minds and groundbreaking work that are shaping our industry.

Thank you to everyone who entered the awards. This year's nominations reflect the vibrancy and tenacity of our sector and how the industry is responding to technological and environmental changes through the delivery of world-class projects.

Our panel of judges faces the daunting task of assessing very strong submissions each year. This year was no different. The standard, as always, was extremely high.

ACE continues to be your unified voice as we press the government to create the best conditions for your business to thrive and, in doing so, contribute to the UK's sustainable growth. Please get involved and have your voice heard - speak to a member of the ACE Team to find out more this evening or email membership@acenet.co.uk

I hope that you enjoy this evening celebrating engineering excellence, achievement and our rising stars.

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Kate Jennings Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE) Chief Executive Officer ACE and EIC



Kate Jennings



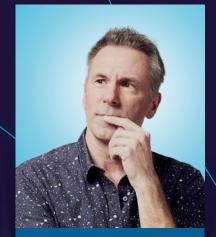
YOUR AWARD HOST

Spencer Kelly is the BBC's longest serving and most experienced technology presenter and journalist. He's been hosting Click, the BBC Technology TV programme since 2006, and for more than 20 years has travelled the world, marvelling at how science and innovation is changing people's lives.

His academic background (a double first in Computer Science from Cambridge and an Honorary Doctorate in Technology) is only the beginning of his accolades - he's also won the T3 Tech Personality of the Year award, he came a cruel second on Celebrity Mastermind, fronted Panorama, presented at the BAFTAs, and hosted a three world firsts - the world's first 360 show in virtual reality, the world's first TV show filmed and edited solely on a mix of phones and tablets, and he fought a wizard in the world's first multi-choice factual choose your own adventure programme that lets the viewer choose their path through the stories.

His life-long love affair with science and tech has seen him play against a robot at ping-pong in Japan, explore the Large Hadron Collider, get rescued by a robot lifeguard, visit the Antimatter factory, and discover the life-changing impact of just one SIM card in the townships of Africa.

He's also chatted to the biggest names in the business -Bill Gates, James Cameron, Paul McCartney, will.i.am, Brian Eno, Julian Assange, Edward Snowden, David Attenborough, Stephen Fry, and even talked tech with HM Queen Elizabeth II.



Spencer Kelly

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EVENING PROGRAMME

18:30	Drinks reception	
19:00	Call for dinner and cash bar opens	
19:05	Welcome from Sarah Prichard, ACE Chair	
19:15	Kate Jennings, Chief Executive Officer, ACE	
19:30	Dinner is served	
21:40	Presentation from the host of the evening, Spencer Kelly	
	Awards ceremony for 13 categories	
	Best Innovation & Technology Project	
	Best Transport Project	
	Best Sustainability Project	
	Best Social Value Project	
	Inclusive Employer of the Year	ĺ.
	Best Wellbeing Project	
	Emerging Professional of the Year	
	Apprentice of the Year	
	Lifetime Achievement	
	Client of the Year	
	Best UK Consultancy (Micro and Small)	
	Best UK Consultancy (Medium)	
	Best UK Consultancy (Large)	
22:45	Closing remarks	
22:40	Cash bar open	
23:30	Carriages	





Starter

Chicken and spiced mushroom terrine, onion puree, and miso mayonnaise

Charred melon, rocket, walnut, pomegranate salad (V)

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Main course

Braised rib of beef, tender stem broccoli, bone marrow mash, red wine jus GF

Mushroom and sweet potato nut roast, charred broccoli, celeriac velouté (V)



Dessert

Oreo cookies & cream mousse, passion and mango crémeux



JUDGING PANEL





Alison Benjamin Guardian/Observer and Urban Bees

Andy Hall The Careers and Enterprise Company



Anni Feng Hoare Lea



Antony Oliver Infrastructure Podcast



Caroline Sudworth STEM Explored Ltd



Daniel Ware Water Magazine



Dougal Shaw Business Leader



Emma Scholes Curtins



Gavin Pearson New Civil Engineer



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Gill Plimmer

Karen McLauchlan Infrastructure Intelligence



Laura Hague Mott MacDonald



Marny Moruzzzi Women in Transport



Max Palgrave AECOM



Nadya Hilliar International SOS



Natalie Penrose HS2





Nick Mawhinney IfATE



Peter Stonham TransportXtra

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Philip Alsop Digitalisation World



Philippa Spence Ramboll

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Sarah Pritchard Buro Happold



Vicky Trudgill AtkinsRéalis



2024 SHORTLISTED

Best Innovation and Technology Project

Awarded to a consultancy firm in the built environment for an exceptional innovation programme or project. This could be focused on value creation for a client or a design simulation for construction. Shortlisted projects have used digital innovation to make a real difference to clients and stakeholders, as well as to the community.



Best Transport Project

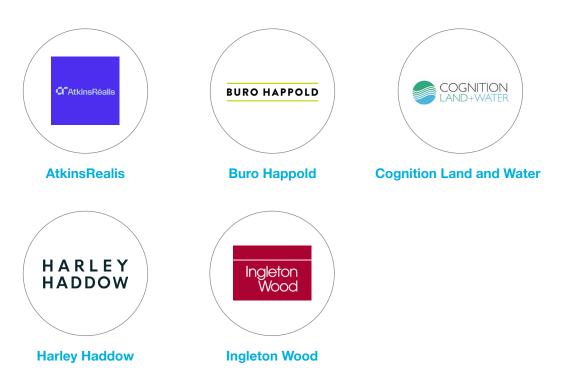
Awarded to a consultancy firm in the built environment for an exceptional programme or project that has delivered a shift-change for transport and broader net zero and social value goals. Shortlisted projects have a strong commitment to collaboration and partnership and have been well received by the public.





Best Sustainability Project

Awarded to a consultancy firm in the built environment for an exceptional net zero programme or project that has demonstrated a quantifiable carbon reduction, or promoted the benefits of a net zero approach to clients and stakeholders. Shortlisted projects will have also delivered net zero and environmental gains for the wider community.



Best Social Value Project

Awarded to a consultancy firm in the built environment for an exceptional programme or project that has delivered value to society. It should have considered, measured, and achieved social value at every stage. Shortlisted projects have a strong commitment to collaboration and partnership and have been well received by the public.



Inclusive Employer of the Year

Awarded to a consultancy firm in the built environment that has not only championed the continual development of its people but nurtured a truly equal, diverse, and inclusive workforce. Not only will they have leading commitments to equality, but tangible examples of practical implementation.



Best Wellbeing Project

Awarded to company that has delivered an exceptional wellbeing initiative or project that significantly enhances mental, physical or emotional health within a community or company.





Emerging Professional of the Year

Awarded to a talented individual working within the consultancy or engineering field in the built environment who has played a significant role in the design, delivery, maintenance, or management of a project.



Areeb Khan Cognition Land and Water



Christine Friel Amey



Kathryn Sykes Harley Haddow





Bianca Laura Latini Buro Happold



Eilidh McDonald Metis Consultants

Apprentice of the Year

Awarded to a talented individual apprentice who has shown outstanding progress and commitment to their own personal development, is progressing on a recognised training scheme with an organisation working in the built environment, and has made a positive difference to that business.



Charlie Horne Waterman Group plc



Joshua Lowe Waterman Group plc



Tom Furlong BWB Consulting



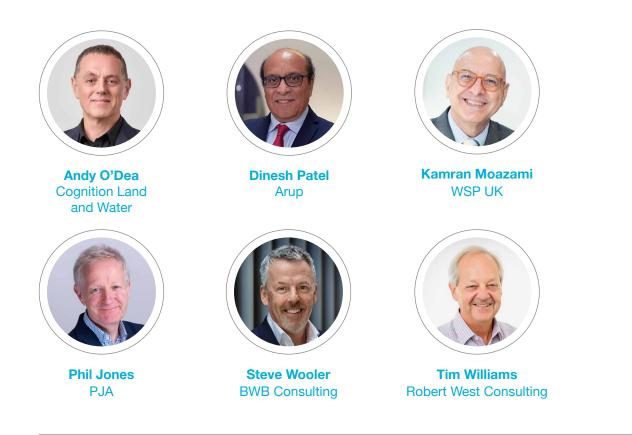
Ewan Thomson Tony Gee & Partners



Katie McQuade Waterman Aspen

Lifetime Achievement

This award recognises a person's exceptional career and legacies in the field of construction and infrastructure.



Client of the Year

This new award recognises the crucial role of clients who commission and champion outstanding projects in the built and natural environments.



British Antarctic Survey



Best UK Consultancy (Small and Micro)

Awarded to a small or micro consultancy firm in the built environment that has achieved the most impressive performance. Shortlisted businesses will have demonstrated exceptional social, environmental, and financial performance in challenging circumstances.





Best UK Consultancy (Medium)

Awarded to a medium consultancy firm in the built environment that has achieved the most impressive performance. Shortlisted businesses will have demonstrated exceptional social, environmental, and financial performance in challenging circumstances.



Best UK Consultancy (Large)

Awarded to a large consultancy firm in the built environment that has achieved the most impressive performance. Shortlisted businesses will have demonstrated exceptional social, environmental, and financial performance in challenging circumstances.









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