

 2026 NORTHERN IRELAND
**CONSTRUCTION
AWARDS**

AWARDS LAUNCH: Monday 30th March 2026

Thursday 1st October, 2026

ICC, Waterfront, Belfast

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

IN ASSOCIATION WITH





A New Era. A New Stage. The NI Construction Awards.

The CEF Excellence Awards have always been the highlight of our industry's calendar, and Northern Ireland's construction industry has never been more ambitious. To match that scale, we are evolving.

We are proud to announce the launch of the NI Construction Awards 2026.

In a first for the province, the CEF is joining forces with the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and the Mineral Products Association (MPA) to host a unified celebration of our built environment.

This isn't just a rebrand, it's a total elevation and to reflect this, we are moving the industry's "Night of Nights" to the premier stage: The ICC Belfast.

By bringing together the engineers, the product manufacturers and the contractors, we are creating the most influential construction business gathering in Northern Ireland.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR GUESTS AND PARTNERS:

- **Unrivalled Scale:** up to 1,000 industry leaders in one room.
- **Broadest Reach:** A cross-sector audience spanning engineering, manufacturing, and construction.
- **The Ultimate Stage:** A world-class production at the ICC Belfast.

**This isn't just an awards night -
it's the collective voice of the industry that builds Northern Ireland.**

#NIConstructionAwards #TheVoiceofTheIndustry #ConstructionExcellence



Don't just take our word for it - hear what some of our attendees from previous CEF Excellence Awards had to say.

“Winning a CEF Excellence Award was a game-changer for our firm. It’s more than just a trophy; it’s a recognition of our quality that resonates with clients and partners alike.”

“It is, without a doubt, the most effective networking event in the Northern Ireland construction calendar.”

“The rigor of the judging process is what sets the CEF Awards apart. Knowing that our project was scrutinized and validated by industry-leading experts gives us immense confidence when bidding for new work. It’s the ultimate validation of our commitment to excellence.”

“Sponsoring the CEF Excellence Awards has provided us with unparalleled access to the decision-makers of the construction industry. The brand exposure - both on the night and through the extensive social media campaign - far exceeded our expectations.

SELLING POINTS:

- **Massive Reach:** Over 1 million social media impressions were generated by last year’s event.
- **High Attendance:** The gala has consistently attracted capacity audiences over 600 guests, including government ministers and industry leaders from across the UK and Ireland. This year we don’t want to disappoint those who couldn’t be in the room before and are moving to ICC Belfast with capacity for up to 1,000.
- **Legacy:** With over 25 years of history, these awards are the most established and respected in the region.



Why sponsor the Awards?

Sponsorship of the Northern Ireland Construction Awards provides access to the leading clients and companies in the construction industry in Northern Ireland and an excellent opportunity to:

- Demonstrate your support for the pursuit of excellence in construction
- Build brand awareness and enhance your company profile
- Associate your organisation with the most prestigious construction projects in Northern Ireland, GB and Ireland.
- Build powerful and comprehensive networks with Northern Ireland's construction leaders and other key stakeholders
- Influence the supply chain leaders in the Northern Irish construction industry.





Rachel Tucker entertains guests at the 2023 awards.

Evolution of the CEF Awards

The CEF Excellence Awards were launched in 1999. Since then, they have become the premier event in the Northern Ireland construction calendar, and one of the most sought after business events of the year, attracting 600 guests. After our largest ever event in 2025, we are now planning for our next awards evening for 2026.

The Awards provide an opportunity to recognise the achievements of the local construction industry and to promote the substantial contribution that our industry makes to the economy and society in Northern Ireland. Success at the Awards has become the benchmark by which the industry judges itself.

The awards evening is one of the most noted and respected events in the construction calendar attracting leading figures from all sections of the industry.

Joining Claire McCollum as our 2026 host will be George Clarke, presenter of The Home Show, The Restoration Man, George Clarke's Old House New Home, and George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.



2026 host
 Claire McCollum.

2026 host
 George Clarke.

2025 host
 Nick Knowles.

2024 host
 Phil Spencer.

2024 Entertainment
 Heather Small.



Maximum exposure

The 2025 Awards were the most successful yet with 26 categories recognised and the gala dinner was attended by 600 people from the construction and wider business community including industry leaders from GB and Ireland.

The 2026 event will combine a prestigious dinner for up to 1,000 guests, with keynote speakers and quality entertainment with a significant on-line social media campaign and print coverage by local newspapers and by our media partners at NI Builder Magazine. In that way we can ensure maximum exposure for our finalists and sponsors before, during and after the event. Social media impressions within a month of the 2025 event totalled over 1 million.

OFFICIAL MEDIA PARTNER

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Sponsorship opportunities

The Northern Ireland Construction Awards 2026 will be supported by the following sponsorship packages as well as specific category awards sponsorship.

HEADLINE SPONSOR

- Event name as “Northern Ireland Construction Awards, sponsored by ???”
- Inclusion in all event-related press releases and featured in NI Builder magazine post-event coverage
- Top-level branding on all event-related promotional materials, including digital, print, and social media content shared before and after the event
- A premium VIP front-row table for 10
- Prominent sponsor branding on event staging, in the event programme and on menus
- Thanks from CEF President and the
- Opportunity to deliver a brief introductory address

SOLD

PLATINUM EVENT PARTNER (ONE) £4,000

- The sponsor’s logo featured in a designated ‘Partners’ section on event materials
- The sponsor’s name and logo displayed on sponsor boards / digital screens at the venue and in the event programme
- Acknowledgment in a shared ‘Thanks to Our Partners’ section of the Chief Executive’s speech
- VIP prominent table of 10 seats

SOLD

GOLD EVENT PARTNERS (MAX THREE) £3,000

- The sponsor’s logo featured in a designated ‘Partners’ section on event materials
- The sponsor’s name and logo displayed on sponsor boards / digital screens at the venue and in the event programme
- Acknowledgment in a shared ‘Thanks to Our Partners’ section of the Chief Executive’s speech
- VIP half table of 5 seats

EVENT SUPPORTER £500 +VAT

- The supporter’s logo displayed on sponsor boards / digital screens at the venue and in the event programme

SPECIFIC AWARDS £3,000+VAT

The Northern Ireland Construction Awards 2026 provides opportunities to sponsor and present the following awards.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AWARDS	Restoration Project of the Year
	Health Project of the Year
	Education Project of the Year
	Infrastructure Project of the Year
	Fit Out Project of the Year
	Commercial Construction Project of the Year
	Private Housing Project of the Year
	Social Housing Project of the Year
	Multiple Occupancy Project of the Year
	GB & RoI Construction Project of the Year
	• below £10m
	• above £10m
Social/Community Construction Project of the Year	
QUALITY PERFORMANCE AWARDS	Excellence in Training
	Excellence in Health & Safety and Wellbeing
	Social Value Project of the Year
	Sustainable Company of the Year
	Excellence in the Use of Construction Software
	Energy Efficient Project of the Year
	Mineral Products Supplier of the Year
	Design Excellence
CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE AWARDS	Apprentice of the Year
	Outstanding Contributor
	Lifetime Achievement
OVERALL AWARDS	Achieving Excellence in Partnering Award
	Overall Winner Award

Award entries open from March 2026 and the shortlist is announced in June 2026.

Along with the main awards there are 2 judges' special overall awards, an award to recognise 'Excellence in Partnering' and an 'Overall Award' for the most outstanding entry.

Award sponsorship packages

PACKAGE INFORMATION	Headline Sponsor	Platinum (1 only)	Gold (max 3)	Specific Awards Sponsors	Wine or Drinks Reception	Event Supporter
COST +VAT	SOLD	SOLD	£3,000	£3,000	SOLD	£500
CALL FOR ENTRIES/LAUNCH EVENT (MARCH)						
Prominent logo placement on bespoke CEF Awards website	•	•	•	•	•	•
CEF extensive social media mentions in months following launch of awards	•	•	•	•	•	X
Logo included in PR material	•	•	•	•	X	X
Mention in Launch Press release	•	•	•	X	X	X
Photo Opportunities	•	X	X	X	X	X
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHORT LIST (JUNE)						
Mention in Press release	•	•	•	X	X	X
CEF extensive social media mentions in months following launch of awards	•	•	•	•	X	X
GALA DINNER (OCTOBER)						
Complimentary Tickets	10	10	5	2	2	X
Prominent VIP table	•	•	•	X	X	X
Logo on welcome banner in hotel reception	•	•	•	•	•	•
Logo on Staging	•	•	•	X	X	X
Logo on Animatics	•	•	•	•	•	•
Logo on Table Menu	•	•	•	•	•	•
Logo on drinks	X	X	X	X	•	X
Logo on Invitations issued to guests	•	•	•	X	X	X
Mention in Chief Executive's Speech	•	•	•	X	X	X
Logo on Sponsors' wall, used as a backdrop for social photos	•	•	•	•	X	X
On-stage presentation of an Award to Winner and official photo	•	X	X	•	X	X
Logo on category winner certificates	•	X	X	•	X	X
POST EVENT						
Logo and link on CEF Website	•	•	•	•	•	•
Mentions/thanks in CEF social media	•	•	•	•	•	•
Coverage in Industry Magazines	•	•	•	•	X	X

MORE INFORMATION: If you would like to discuss sponsorship options please contact, Tracy Windrim, tracyw@cefni.co.uk or phone 07919 623702 or visit www.cefni.co.uk