

# PM GROUP WINS SUPREME SAFETY AWARD FOR SECOND TIME

The Supreme Safety Award winner for 2020 – PM Group – was announced during an online ceremony of the 29th NISO/NISG Annual Occupational Safety Awards in January, and made safety award history by becoming the first organisation to win the top prize two years in a row!



For the full list of the All-Ireland Occupational Safety Awards category winners for 2020 visit <http://safetyawards.ie/winners/2020-winners>

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On becoming the first organisation to win the Supreme Safety Award two years in a row, Dave Murphy, PM Group's Chief Executive Officer, said they were honoured to receive the top prize again for 2020 at the 29th NISO/NISG All Ireland Occupational Safety Awards.

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"The recognition of the Supreme Safety Award is really

important to our business which relies on achieving a consistent, excellent H&S performance. At PM Group we're committed to continual improvement of our health and safety performance, while our focus on health, safety and wellbeing is central to the continued growth of our business," noted Murphy.

"We are delighted to receive the Supreme Safety Award during a very challenging year for everyone in the construction industry. We are particularly pleased to be awarded for the second year in a row. The Award is recognition for the efforts put in by our teams in achieving our goal of improving the health, safety and wellbeing of our people and those who partner with us," he added.

According to David Tomlinson, PM Group's Head of Health & Safety, "Our partnership approach to health and safety



involves not just our teams but also our clients and project partners who play a key role in achieving these high standards.

“The feedback we receive as part of our award submission process plays an important part in the continual improvement of our health and safety performance.”

Sponsored by Irving Oil Whitegate Refinery, the Supreme Safety Award is presented to the organisation that has shown consistently good or continuously improving health and safety performance over a number of years, having played an outstanding contribution to occupational safety, health and welfare during the previous year.

**VIRTUAL AWARD WINNERS**

Highly valued and regarded among health and safety professionals throughout Ireland, the safety awards would, under normal circumstances, have been presented to the award winners during a prize-giving ceremony and gala dinner event in October 2020.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the event took place online on 22 January.

It was supported by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI), Healthy Ireland and Irving Oil Whitegate Refinery.

Other awards presented included the Safety Representative of the Year Award 2020, in association with The CPL Institute.

Margaret Murphy from PricewaterhouseCoopers in Cork was the award winner for 2020, while the runner-up prize was jointly awarded to John White and Trevor Johnston from AA Ireland.

The Driving for Work Award was won for the second year in a row by KD Group. This award requires entrants to demonstrate evidence of policy, planning, practice, measuring performance and reviewing performance, in relation to driving for work.

The Healthy Workplace Award, supported by Healthy Ireland, was won by Alexion Ireland, in recognition of Alexion Ireland’s commitment in promoting health and wellbeing as a core element of the health and safety agenda.

The Occupational Health Award, supported by the HSA and HSENI, was won jointly by the 2019 award winner Kiernan Structural Steel, and Vision Contracting Ltd.

The Gold Award was won by Designer Group, the Silver Award by Actavo and the Bronze Award by Weltec Engineering Ltd.

Actavo also won the Excellence in Safety Award, a new award which acknowledges organisations that achieve a high standard safety award for more than 15 continuous years.

Exceptional High Achiever Awards were presented to organisations who consistently achieved a high standard safety award for more than ten years, representing their continuous commitment to health and safety in their organisation.

Award recipients included Actavo, Colas Bitumen Emulsions (West) Ltd, Chemoran, Colas Contracting Ltd, Designer Group, Fingal County Council, John Sisk & Son (Holdings) Ltd, Jones Engineering Group, PM Group and TLI Group Ltd.

**INNOVATIVE SAFETY MEASURES**

The Minister of State for Business,

Employment and Retail, Damien English, TD, acknowledged the “tremendous work carried out by both NISO and NISG” in promoting the cause of better workplace health and safety. He noted that the awards acknowledge the “dedicated efforts of the winners to ensure that their places of work provide safety to all present”.

Minister English said the awards also “acknowledge the innovate ways that safety measures can be introduced without disrupting the operation of a business but also enhancing the work experience of employees”.

Dr Sharon McGuinness, CEO of the Health and Safety Authority, said that given the challenges everyone has had as a result of COVID this past year, “the event is a really great testament to those who are showing a continued importance of health and safety in the workplace, for businesses and workers alike”.

NISO President Harry Galvin announced the award winners from over 100 organisations around the island of Ireland, while NISG Chairperson Ashleigh Birkett, also addressed the award entrants and winners during the online awards ceremony.

Other special guest speakers who contributed to the online event included Robert Kidd, Chief Executive of the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI).

The 2020 awards, which served to demonstrate the positive and proactive culture of safety management in organisations, were supported by the HSA, HSENI, Healthy Ireland and Irving Oil Whitegate Refinery.

*For further information and details of the NISO/NISG 2021 Awards (when they become available) simply email [awards@niso.ie](mailto:awards@niso.ie).*