

ALL-IRELAND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AWARDS



It's that time of year again as companies put preparations in place to enter the NISO/NISG All-Ireland Occupational Safety Awards. The closing date for this year's awards competition is Thursday 16 June. The early bird date is 12 May while all late entries will be due on 7 July (subject to prior notification by 16 June).

Derek Murphy, Designer Group's Head of Environmental, Health and Safety, was presented with the Supreme Award for 2021 by NISO President Harry Galvin.

Designer Group was last year's All-Ireland Supreme Safety Award Winner at the 30th National Irish Safety Organisation/Northern Ireland Safety Group (NISO/NISG) Annual Safety Awards special ceremony in Killarney on 4 November 2021.

The Supreme Safety Award, sponsored by Irving Oil Whitegate Refinery, is presented to the organisation that has shown consistently good or continuously improving health and safety performance over several years. The organisation must have given an outstanding contribution to occupational safety, health and welfare during the previous year.

POSITIVE SAFETY MANAGEMENT

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

Addressing the audience remotely by video, NISG Chairperson Ashleigh Birkett commended the entrants for again submitting such high calibre entries for 2021.

She congratulated all those who

achieved awards, noting that the safety awards are a great way to enhance an organisation and to showcase a commitment to health and safety. Damien English TD, Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, referred to the "tremendous work of NISO and NISG towards the promotion of workplace health and safety" during his video message.

On congratulating the award winners and commending everyone for their participation, he commended the work done both by NISO and NISG, and their members, in implementing public health policies and procedures to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

RECAP ON OTHER AWARDS

Other awards for 2021 included the Safety Representative of the Year Award 2021, in association with The Cpl Institute, presented to John Higgins from Colas Ireland Ltd. The Runner-Up prize was awarded to JP Moloney from Irish Rail.

The Healthy Workplace Award, supported by Healthy Ireland, was won by Cork City Council. This award recognises the commitment of workplaces who promote health and wellbeing as a core element of the health

and safety agenda.

The Occupational Health Award, supported by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI), was won by Bon Secours Hospital Cork. The Driving for Work Award, which was won by Actavo (Ireland) Ltd, requires entrants to demonstrate evidence of policy, planning, practice, measuring performance and reviewing performance.

The Gold Award was won by Weltec Engineering Ltd., the Silver Award by Jones Engineering Group and the Bronze Award by Bon Secours Hospital Dublin.

For the full list of the award winners visit <https://safetyawards.ie/2021-winners/>



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