

SAFETY AWARDS SHOWCASE

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The 32nd All-Ireland Occupational Health and Safety Awards, which will be presented at NISO/NISG Safety Awards Ceremony in Killarney on 13 October 2023, will recognise and reward companies who can demonstrate a positive and proactive culture of safety management within their businesses.

Harry Galvin, NISO President, with Damien English TD, Minister for Business, Employment and Retail; Derek Murphy, Designer Group’s Head of Environmental Health & Safety, and Ashleigh Birkett, Chair, NISG following the presentation of the Supreme Safety Award 2022 to Designer Group for the second year in a row.

The All-Ireland Occupational Safety Awards, which was established nationally in 1992 with 20 entries have grown to become Ireland’s premier safety awards.

The scheme became an All-Ireland affair when the Northern Ireland Safety Group (NISG) joined forces with the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) in 1995. To date, almost 3,000 entries have been received.

The many entrants that participate each year, including large numbers of repeat entrants, is testament to the quality of the process and the high regard that the awards command. The awards are open to all NISO/NISG members.

According to Harry Galvin, NISO President, “The awards recognise the many companies pursuing the highest standards in safety and serves as a great overview of their own safety and health strategies. The end results give each entrant the opportunity to compare their own safety performance to similar organisations and to industry in general.”

The key dates for 2023:

- 2 June** Standard Entries Deadline
- 23 June** Late Entries Deadline
- Early September** Awards Notification (date to be confirmed)
- 13 October** NISO Annual Conference and Safety Awards Ceremony, Killarney

AWARD WINNERS FOR 2022

Designer Group won the Supreme Safety Award for 2022 for the second year in a row at the annual safety awards presentation in Galway last November.

Sponsored by Irving Oil Whitegate Refinery, this award is presented to organisations that have shown consistently good or continuously improving health and safety performance over a number of years and an outstanding contribution to occupational safety, health and welfare during the previous year.

In November 2022 Damien English TD, Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, along with Harry Galvin, NISO President, and Ashleigh Birkett, Chair of NISG, presented awards to over 100 organisations throughout the island of Ireland.

Other awards included the Safety Representative of the Year Award 2022 in association with The Cpl Institute. The joint winners were Kevin Corcoran, Kiernan Structural Steel and Aoife O’Leary, Baxter Healthcare Irish Manufacturing Operation, while the Runner-Up prize was awarded to Ejovi Atano, Energia Huntstown Bioenergy.

The Healthy Workplace Award, sponsored by Healthy Ireland, was won by Glenveagh Properties PLC. The 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 HSA and the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland, was won by Bon Secours Hospital Dublin.

The Driving for Work Award was won by Acacia Facilities Management Ltd. This award requires entrants to demonstrate evidence of policy, planning, practice, measuring performance and reviewing performance.

The Gold Award was won by Actavo (Ireland), the Silver Award by Winthrop Technologies Ltd with the Bronze Award going to Jones Engineering Group. Actavo (Ireland) Ltd also won the Excellence in Safety Award, alongside Colas Bitumen Emulsions (West) Ltd/Colas Contracting, Chemoran and Designer Group, while several Exceptional High Achiever awards were also presented.

