

# Awards

## Important Awards Submission Information 2026

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### Submission of entries

1. Entry is free.
2. Deadline for entries is **23:59 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.
3. Entries must be [submitted online](#). If you are entering more than one award, you must complete a separate entry for each award category. No more than two categories can be entered per project or person.
4. Entries must have been active or completed in financial years 2024/25 or 2025/26.
5. Entries must clearly explain how the submission meets the criteria and will be judged not exceeding the maximum specified 1,000 word limit.

*Handy Tip: Entries should provide a brief synopsis at the beginning of the submission. Please ensure that you have clearly explained how your entry meets the criteria by using section headings to match each of the criteria.*

6. Entries must be accompanied by at least one high quality image.
7. Entries may be accompanied by up to three letters of support. For example, from a user, beneficiary or colleague.
8. Entries may be accompanied by supporting material (e.g. illustrations, plans or results of monitoring studies, any videos must be sent with a link) in electronic format, but these will be viewed at the judge's discretion.
9. Entries can be submitted for a specific project or a range of complementary elements.
10. Judges must be allowed reasonable access to request further information.
11. The same project can be entered in up to two categories, but unique project details must be provided for each award category.

### Eligibility

12. Companies cannot enter award categories they sponsor. However, projects which are created by a joint venture will be accepted providing that the sponsor is not the lead organisation.

### Judging

13. To assist entrants and judges, all WM CIHT awards have criteria that are allocated marks against which entries will be scored. Some criteria are weighted more heavily; allocated marks appear in brackets. It is not necessary for the entry

to meet all of the specified criteria; however, entries will not/cannot receive full marks if they do not provide evidence covering all criteria.

14. Entries will be assessed by two independent judges.
15. A shortlist of entries will be published in early April 2026. Following this, the judging panel for each award may request further information from short-listed entrants.
16. Winners of the CIHT WM Awards 2026 will be announced at the WM CIHT Awards Dinner on the evening of Thursday 7 May 2026 and details published through a variety of media platforms.

#### **Use of submission material**

17. All material submitted will be treated as available for publication in awards related articles within promotional materials developed for the Awards, unless otherwise copyright protected. By submitting an application, you are giving CIHT WM the right to publicise your submission.
18. Entrants to the Awards may be invited to present their projects at future events.

#### **The ten West Midlands CIHT Award Categories for 2026 are**

1. Best Large Project Award
2. Best Small Project Award
3. Innovation and Research Award
4. Emerging Professional / Apprentice Award
5. Emerging Student Award
6. Collaboration Award
7. Environment and Sustainability Award
8. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Award
9. Women's Network Women's Achievement Award