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| **CIHT Apprentice of the Year Award 2020** |
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| **Introduction**The CIHT Apprentice of the Year Award is designed to recognise and celebrate an apprentice who is making a difference in our industry. The judges will be looking for the person who has best demonstrated a positive impact in the field of Highways or Transportation and is making an exceptional contribution to their workplace. Entrants who are shortlisted for the award will be invited to attend the next CIHT Young Professionals Conference, which this year, will be an interactive, online event. We recognise that for many employers and their apprentices, 2020 has been extremely testing, but we are looking to the future and feel that showcasing excellence is even more important than ever. We hope you agree. |
| **Why Enter**CIHT Apprentice of the Year finalists will benefit from: * Public recognition for their commitment to the industry through national and regional media
* Being recognised as one of the UK’s top Highways and Transportations apprentices
* Excellent networking opportunities with other apprentices and senior colleagues
* Be invited to contribute their view as an apprentice to CIHT Council & Trustees and make the voice of apprentices heard.
* A certificate of commendation to demonstrate their achievement in reaching the final
* The 2020 CIHT Apprentice of the Year will be invited to shadow CIHT’s President, Martin Tugwell
* The 2020 CIHT Apprentice of the Year will receive a trophy and £100 prize money
* All entrants will also be entered into a prize draw with the opportunity to win a £50 voucher.
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| **Eligibility** In order to be eligible for the CIHT Apprentice of the Year Award, you must be an Apprentice Member of CIHT, working with your employer and enrolled on an apprenticeship scheme in a highways and transportation related occupation. **There is no age restriction for entrants**.Your employer or training provider will need to support your entry for the award. Please note that an employer or training provider may choose to support more than one submission. |
| Apprentices in the Highways & Transportation industry can join CIHT as an Apprentice Member today by visiting our website and filling out a simple online application form. Start your application here <https://www.ciht.org.uk/become-a-member/ciht-membership-for-individuals/apprentice-member-ciht/> |
| **How to enter**  Your entry should take the form of a 750-1000-word statement of how you have met the above criteria. Please note that entries exceeding 1000 words will not be considered. All entries must be submitted to apprentice@ciht.org.uk no later than **Friday 11th September 2020.**  Your entry must be supported by either your line manager or by a senior manager within your workplace or training provider.  Space for this declaration is included in the entry form.  Please note that the application must be written by the applicant. |
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| **Judging**A panel of judges drawn from the industry will review each entry for evidence of excellence across the three core criteria to determine the winner of the CIHT Apprentice of the Year Award. The judges will identify a shortlist of 5 finalists who will be invited for a short interview to give them the opportunity to speak about their experience as an apprentice. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide a 5-minute presentation on how they think the sector has changed as a result of the pandemic.  The finalist will be notified, and the winner announced at the inter-active, online, Young Professionals Conference in October.**Support**Please direct any questions to apprentice@ciht.org.uk |
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| **Your Study Programme** |  |
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| College / Training Centre |  |
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| Start Date |  | End Date |  |
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| **Details of the Person Supporting Your Entry** |
| Please note: Your entry must be supported by either your line manager or by a senior manager within your workplace or training provider. |
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| **Your Supporting Statement** |
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| According to the entry criteria please summarise in 750-1000 words why you have entered the CIHT Apprentice of the Year Award 2020.**Entry Criteria**Judges are looking for apprentices who have made a difference to the organisation they work in and the wider industry. This will be measured according to the following criteria: 1. **Managing Change** – How have you embraced the challenge of a demanding work placement and study programme in the changing landscape of highways and transportation? What skills have you applied to achieve this?  2. **Commitment & Contribution** – How have you gone above and beyond what was expected of you in your role on one or more specific projects or initiatives? 3. **Future** – How do you plan to contribute to the sector in the coming years? |
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**Next steps**

Submit the completed form to apprentice@ciht.org.uk no later than **Friday 11th September 2020**.