

CIHT Scotland Annual Awards Emerging Professional of the Year

2026

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Deadline for entries: 20 August 2026

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Overview

The CIHT Scotland Emerging Professional of the Year Award recognises an individual in the early stages of their career who has demonstrated exceptional potential, professional excellence and a positive impact on their organisation, the transport sector and society. The award celebrates those already making a meaningful contribution and showing the capability to become future leaders of the profession.

Entry Criteria

Judges are looking for emerging professionals or apprentices who have made a difference to the organisation they work in and the wider industry through their personal contribution to a substantial project or initiative that has benefited their organisation, transport users and/or the sector more widely.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, a nominee must be a member **under 35 years of age OR with fewer than seven years' work experience** in the industry. All nominees must be registered members of CIHT at the time of nomination. Further information about how to become a member of CIHT can be found at www.ciht.org.uk/become-a-member/.

Judges will value evidence of professional development, including training, qualifications, mentoring, professional registration and participation in CIHT activities.

Contributions beyond the nominee's day-to-day role, including support for the profession, outreach, mentoring and knowledge sharing, will be viewed positively.

Judging

Entries will be assessed by a panel of judges comprising representatives of the CIHT

Scotland Committee along with the award sponsor. The panel will consider all entries and determine which nomination to support for this year's Emerging Professional of the Year Award. Judges will be looking for evidence of achievement relative to career stage, rather than simply the scale of the projects worked on.

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Entries failing to meet the specified criteria, or which are not submitted in the requested format set out below will not be considered.

Award Details

The Award comprises a £100 gift voucher for the winner and a £50 gift voucher for the runner up.

The winner and runner up will then be sponsored to attend the **CIHT Scotland Annual Dinner** to be held **on Thursday 1 October 2026 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow** where the prizes will be presented.

Entry is free

The award is **free to enter** – CIHT Scotland are committed to ensuring that the Emerging Professional of the Year Award is inclusive, enabling everyone with the talent and drive to succeed to be recognised.

How to enter

Submissions will be made via an online form on the CIHT Website
<https://www.ciht.org.uk/about-us/uk-nations-regions/scotland/ciht-scotland-awards/>.

Entries can be made by the Emerging Professional themselves or by a colleague / line manager.

The submission should be a **maximum of 850 words**, detailing how the nominee has made a difference to your organisation and the wider industry through personal contribution to a substantial project or initiative that has benefited the organisation, transport users and/or the sector more widely.

Wherever possible, nominations should include evidence of impact, such as project outcomes, efficiencies achieved, stakeholder feedback, client recognition, awards, qualifications gained, mentoring activities or measurable benefits delivered.

A single paragraph summary should also be included (max. 50 words) with the submission which may be included in the Dinner programme or on display boards during the evening.

Entries should be submitted no later than 17:00 BST on 20 August 2026.

Entries may be accompanied by a maximum of two A4 sheets of supporting material (e.g. illustrations, plans or results of monitoring studies) in electronic format which is included within the single PDF.

We may use submitted materials in award-related publicity and promotional activities **unless you clearly identify any content that is protected by copyright or subject to publication restrictions.**

If you have any questions about this award, please contact scotland@ciht.org.uk.