

# THE JOHN GORDON SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025



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The John Gordon Safety Person of the Year Award is designed to celebrate the individual who has made a significant contribution to health and safety in their workplace over the last year.

It is for the the unsung people in organisations, at every level, who go that extra mile to ensure the health and safety of all those that they work or come in contact with.

Closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 26th September 2025.

## How to enter

	Select who you'd like to nominate
	Download entry form
	Answer all 4 questions
	Send your entry online
	Closing date 5pm on Friday 26th September 2026
	Winning award(s) presented at the NISG Conference and Awards Dinner on Thursday 6th November 2025 at La Mon Hotel, Belfast

See back page for how easy it is to enter (it only takes an hour) and more details.

## Who was John Gordon?



John Gordon MBE sat on the NISG Executive Committee from 1967 until 2012, working tirelessly promoting occupational health and safety as the Group's Secretary. He was a dedicated health and safety advocate and always available to anyone needing advice or assistance. John, who passed away in 2015, was awarded an MBE for his contribution to farm safety during his career with Enterprise Ulster.

## 2024 Winners



Colm O'Neill, Adman Civil Projects Ltd. being presented with his trophy by Bill McAllister from sponsor Safety Advice Centre.



Pat Walls, Bulrush Horticulture Ltd. being presented with his trophy by Bill McAllister from sponsor Safety Advice Centre.

Full details about the Award including an entry form, guidelines and a Q & A fact sheet can be found at the link below.

## Enter the John Gordon Award

### What to put in your entry

#### Q1 - Please outline why you have nominated this person for the Award – 150 words maximum

Answer - Detail what it is about the person's action that has set them apart from other employees from a health & safety perspective.

#### Q2 - What has this person achieved to earn this nomination? – 300 words maximum

Answer - This can be for a one off event / initiative / project, or can be for establishing improvements in occupational health and safety awareness that brings about demonstrable best practice.

Examples from previous winners include:-

- Actions taken at the scene of an incident
- The introduction of a bespoke contractor H&S handbook
- Planning and devising and implementing solutions to allow safe return to work by employees
- Identifying new ways of learning within an organisation.
- Introducing innovative training methods.

#### Q3 - How has this impacted on your organisation and what benefits have their actions brought about? – 300 words maximum

Answer - Provide clear evidence to demonstrate the benefit seen by the organisation.

#### Q4 - Please provide evidence for the nominee's actions

Answer - This is the supporting documentation to go along with your entry. It can come in the form of documents/photos/video clips etc. to demonstrate what your entrant has achieved.

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## Vouchers

Winners get £100 One4All vouchers and the nominator's organisation gets free NISG membership for the following year.