

John Gordon Award Entries

'Questions & Answers'

1. What is the John Gordon 'Safety Person of the Year' Award all about?

Northern Ireland Safety Group recognises the important contributions towards safety, health and incident prevention made by individuals within organisations.

The John Gordon 'Safety Person of the Year' Award is designed to celebrate the *individual* (not a Safety Professional) who has made the greatest contribution to health and safety in their work in the last year.

As every Safety Professional will tell you, it isn't about them - it is about the employees who work in their organisations. From the sales rep to the security guard, everyone has to play their part.

This is what the John Gordon Award is all about - the unsung people in organisations that have made a great contribution to health and safety in their work.

2. Can I enter at any stage of the year?

Yes – your entry can be submitted to the judges up to the end of February and will be judged at the beginning of March. So, for example, if your entry is submitted in March 2017, it will go forward for judging in March 2018.

3. Can I submit multiple entries?

Yes! Multiple entries from companies or other organisations are welcomed.

4. Can I nominate someone from another company or organisation?

No – the nomination must come from within the nominee's own company or organisation. However, sub-contractors would be considered to come from within the nominator's organisation.

5. Can I enter off-line?

No – however, the supporting evidence can be submitted off-line if necessary.

6. What sort of evidence do I need to provide with my entry?

This is best chosen by you, but you could use examples such as risk assessments and other safety documents, photographs, work plans, feedback/comment cards etc.

7. What does it mean that nominees must not work directly in a health and safety role?

Nominees should not be employed in a health and safety department or have health and safety as their main job function. In addition, the nominee must not have a health and safety qualification higher than a NEBOSH certificate, or equivalent.

8. Just who is eligible to enter?

The spirit of the Award is to honour the 'unsung hero' who goes above and beyond their role in the pursuit of good health and safety.

There is no bar (except Health & Safety professionals) to who can win. An application from for example a cleaner or security guard will be treated in exactly the same way as a Manager (however senior) who has gone the extra mile and demonstrated superior safety leadership.