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AWARDS INFORMATION



The Federation of Piling Specialists Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals and companies within the Ground Engineering industry.

This years' prestigious event will be hosted at a brand-new venue for the Federation set on the bank of the River Thames; the slick and modern Hilton Tower Bridge hotel.

Delegates can experience the stunning views of the London skyline at an exclusive drink's reception, before enjoying a delicious three course dinner. The event will be hosted by FPS Chair, Steve Hadley and comedienne, presenter and author, **Ruby Wax OBE**. Ruby will perform a comedy routine whilst focusing on the issues surrounding mental health.

For the first time, the Awards will be followed with an exclusive after party in the Tower Suite, so delegates can celebrate in style and stay after the event for live musical entertainment, drinks and dancing.

AWARD CATEGORIES

There are five awards available for entry:

- Safety Innovation Award
- Technology Award
- Sustainability Award [NEW]
- Early Career Award
- Chairs' Award

ENTRY PROCESS

Entries will be shortlisted by an expert judging panel who will review all applications in detail before making a final decision. The Awards are free to enter.

Entries should be no longer than 1500 words and can be supported by a maximum of three images. All award entries should be completed using the template provided.

Further information can be found on the Application Form.

HOW TO ENTER

- SELECT YOUR CATEGORIES FOR ENTRY
- COMPLETE THE FPS APPLICATION FORM (ONE FORM PER ENTRY)
- EMAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE TO CAROLINE KRATZ AT FPS@FPS.ORG.UK

Deadline for entries is Friday 3rd September



THE AWARDS

SAFETY INNOVATION AWARD

This award is open to any Federation of Piling Specialists Member or Associate Member.

Judges will be looking for a standout entry where a company can showcase a recent innovation, initiative or dynamic approach that has considerably improved the safety of their workforce or the industry.

■ ENTRIES SHOULD OUTLINE:

- The nature of the safety innovation
- How it has improved workforce or industry safety practice
- How it integrates into the company's safety culture
- How it has been shared within and out with the company

TECHNOLOGY AWARD

This award is open to all FPS Members and will recognise the development and application of a technology that improves quality, productivity or any other aspect of a member's business.

Judges will be looking for companies who have shown a commitment to innovation and research, and an effective strategy for converting 'good ideas' into real-world improvements.

■ ENTRIES SHOULD OUTLINE:

- The nature of the technology or innovation
- How it was utilised on site
- The present and future benefits it creates

EARLY CAREER AWARD

This category is open to FPS Member employees aged 30 or under on the day of the ceremony.

Candidates can include engineering and commercial staff, project and business managers, technicians, apprentices, rig operators and other support operatives, who have shown exceptional ability in their role.

■ ENTRIES SHOULD OUTLINE:

- A strong commitment to personal learning and development
- An excellent approach to teamwork and supporting others
- A passion for the ground engineering industry.

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

The new Sustainability Award recognises excellence in sustainability and environmental initiatives.

The judges will be looking for an innovative approach to driving a sustainable initiative on a recent Ground Engineering project and the benefits achieved.

■ ENTRIES SHOULD OUTLINE:

- The nature of the initiative
- The environmental benefits of enforcing the initiative
- The measurable benefits of applying the approach

CHAIR'S AWARD

This award will be judged by the Executive Committee and will recognise an FPS Member employee who has made a significant personal contribution to the aims and interests of the Federation of Piling Specialists.

Company Managing Directors are invited to nominate a candidate within their companies.

■ ENTRIES SHOULD OUTLINE:

- A brief explanation of why the person should be considered for the accolade.



YOUR HOST - RUBY WAX OBE

Comedienne, presenter, author and mental health speaker, Ruby Wax has had a successful 25-year career in television. She often combines neuroscience, mindfulness and comedy in her tours and books, helping to break down the taboos surrounding mental health and neurosciences.

Arriving in Britain from the United States in the 1980s, Ruby began her acting career with the Royal Shakespeare Company before embarking on a TV career as a successful writer and actress. She went on to host a variety of shows including *Ruby Wax with...* where she interviewed high profile celebrities

including Donald Trump, Madonna, OJ Simpson and Jim Carrey.

Ruby is a best-selling author and the founder of Frazzled Cafés, a 'talk-in' place where people can meet and share their personal stories in a safe and non-judgmental environment. The concept is currently being rolled out in M&S cafes throughout the UK.

Ruby holds a master's degree in Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy from Oxford University and is also a highly acclaimed TED talker. She was awarded an OBE in 2016 for her services to mental health.

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