

# People and Papers Awards 2026



The People & Papers Awards 2026 were held at {10-11} Carlton House Terrace, London

Congratulations to all the winners of the Institution's People and Papers Awards 2026. The awards were presented by President Brian Uy at a ceremony held at Carlton House Terrace in London on Friday 15 May.

The People and Papers Awards recognise outstanding contributions to structural engineering and to the Institution's work, through innovative education initiatives, papers published in *The Structural Engineer* and *Structures*, lectures, regional group activity, and much more. They cover the whole range of Institution life, from outstanding young professionals to those recognised for a lifetime of achievement and service.

## Papers Awards

### Murray Buxton Award

**Medal:** *Matthew Poulton and Wendel Sebastian*

'Modular FRP-steel bridges for the UK road network'

**Medal:** *Rahul Wala*

'An ethical framework for AI in structural engineering: from promise to practice'

### Guthrie Brown Award

**Medal:** *Tom Martin*

'Conservation compendium. Part 22: Care of historic ironworks sites – inspection, assessment and repair'



Matthew Poulton and Wendel Sebastian received the Murray Buxton Award

### Clancy Prize

**Alison Wallis and Mike Davies**

'Mary Ward Centre, London: Risk management of a heavy retrofit and vertical extension of a 1970s concrete-framed building'

### Derrington Construction Award

**Medal:** *Krishnan Murugappan, Catherine Wong*

*Chi Fun, Ngan See Pyng and Tan Chee Siew*  
'Delayed destressing – an enhanced demolition strategy for a 29-storey office building with mega transfer beams in Singapore'

**Diploma:** *Kwok-Fai Chung*

'Effective use of high-strength S690 steel in construction'



Krishnan Murugappan collected the Derrington Construction Award

### Husband Prize

**Stephen Melville, Matt Aldham and Camille Chevrier**

'Tan House Footbridge: Designing with repurposed steel, from early design stages to fabrication'

### Oscar Faber Award

**Medal:** *Julian Birbeck and Neill McClements*

'The value of common design on the Elizabeth Line'

**Diploma:** *Eoin Kelly and Peyrouz Modarres*

'Structural engineering for high-rise precast buildings'

**Diploma:** *Seb Kaminski and David Trujillo*

'Current practices and future structural use of bamboo'



Stephen Melville and Matt Aldham were awarded the Husband Prize



Yasemin Aktaş was given the Award for Excellence in Structural Engineering Education

**Sir Arnold Waters Medal**

**Medal:** Ian Firth

'The Long and the Short of it – Designing Bridges for Tomorrow's World'

**Structures Prizes**

**Best Research Paper Prize**

Xing Li, Jiwen Zhang, Yuchao Yang, Xinzhe Min, Sheng Gu and Lu Hao

'Experimental investigation on the seismic performance of pre-tensioned prestressed precast integral cast-in-place frames'

**Best Research into Practice Paper Prize**

Weisong Yang, Fei Han, Weixiao Xu and Jigang Zhang

'Experimental analysis of infill wall stiffness effects on seismic performance of reinforced concrete frame structures using shaking table tests'

**Education Award**

**Award for Excellence in Structural Engineering Education**

**Winner:** Yasemin Aktaş

'Adaptive Reuse of Existing Structures'

**Commendation:** Ladan Vojdanzade

'Embodied Structural Learning: Teaching Geometry, Motion, and Force through Scissor-Based Design and Full-Scale Experimentation'

**Awards for Young Engineers**

**Young Structural Engineering Professional Award**

**Winner:** James Jackson

**Kenneth Severn Award**

**Winner:** Rena Vogelzang

**Commendation:** James Bruce

**Commendation:** Delina Haile

**Young Researchers Conference Competition**

**Winner:** Tong Hu

**2nd place:** Ruikai Dai

**Joint 3rd place:** Sahand Khalilzadeh Tabrizi

**Joint 3rd place:** Saba Ghassemi



Rena Vogelzang received the Kenneth Severn Award

**People Awards**

**Lewis Kent Award**

Michael Buck  
Niamh McCloskey  
Keith McClurey  
Toby Robinson

**Service Award**

Dan Bompa  
Neil Horsfield  
Declan McCaffrey  
Henry Mullen  
Gary Redman  
David Richardson  
Tzyy Wooi Teh



Tong Hu was the winner of the Young Researchers Conference Competition

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Clifford Murray, John Staves



Julian Birbeck and Neill McClements received the Oscar Faber Award



Clifford Murray and John Staves received Lifetime Achievement Awards for their significant contributions over many years to the profession

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