Northern Ireland Safety Group – 2026 Annual Conference & Awards Presentation

This year's NISG conference, entitled ***"Shaping Safer Workplaces for Tomorrow"*** was held at La Mon Hotel on 5th November, when the Northern Ireland health and safety community came together, with over 250 delegates, 45 health and safety related organisations exhibiting and 10 expert speakers who provided thought-provoking and informative presentations on topics such as safe utilisation of AI for health and safety; ISO45001:2027 updates; work at height and managing manual handling. The afternoon saw an extended interactive session which offered an insight into the practical methods of developing an organisational health and safety culture.

Sponsored by **Sundström**, **Health Matters Occupational Health** and **EHS International** this event also offered attendees the opportunity to network, take part in lunch time demos and brainstorm with their peers. Delegates were also offered complimentary PPE fit clinics by Uvex and personal MOT health checks by Health Matters Occupational Health throughout the day.

The 2026 Awards presentation during the conference saw local companies receive recognition for their entries to the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) / NISG All-Ireland Occupational Health and Safety Awards. Special congratulations went to RYOBI Aluminium Casting (UK) Ltd. for receiving this year's Gold Award and John Graham Construction Ltd. for receiving the Bronze Award. The Supreme Award was won by PJ Hegarty, a NISO member and the Silver Award was won by Dornan Engineering Ltd., also a NISO member.

Also presented at this year's conference were the NISG John Gordon Awards for 2026, sponsored by Safety Advice Centre. This year saw two winners who had been nominated by colleagues for going "above and beyond" their role in pursuit of good health & safety within their organisations. Jayne Moore, PA to the University Secretary at Ulster University, won the award for someone working in a Non-Health and Safety related role and Niamh Hannon, HSE Student at Mallaghan Engineering Ltd. won the Student Award. The John Gordon Awards were presented by Bill McAllister, Managing Director of Safety Advice Centre.

Photo 1



RYOBI Aluminium Casting (UK) Ltd. Ltd.
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair), Ciaran Maxwell, William Withers and William Keenan (RYOBI Aluminium Casting (UK) Ltd.) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Gold Award plus a Continuous High Achiever Award (awarded for achieving Distinction level or above for five consecutive years).

Photo 2



John Graham Construction Ltd.
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair), Andrew Cooke, Lukasz Siemieniuk and Peter Horgan (John Graham Construction Ltd.) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Bronze Award, an Exceptional High Achiever Award (awarded for achieving a Distinction level or above for ten consecutive years) and the Occupational Health Award.

Photo 3



Charles Brand Group Ltd.
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair), Darren Fitzpatrick and Patrick Harney (Charles Brand Group Ltd.) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the President's Award for Construction.

Photo 4



McAdam Design Ltd.
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); John Findlay (McAdam Design Ltd.) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the President's Award for Large-Size Organisation.

Photo 5



W&H Alexander Limited
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Wendy Beatty (W&H Alexander Ltd.) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the President's Award for Small-Size Organisation plus an Excellence in Safety Award (awarded for achieving Distinction level or above for fifteen consecutive years).

Photo 6



MJM Marine
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Wayne Buller (MJM Marine) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Business Category Award for Specialist Contractor.

Photo 7



Foyle Food Group
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Will Johnston (Foyle Food Group) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Business Category Award for Agricultural Produce.

Photo 8



Northern Ireland Water – Health & Safety
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Lorraine Yarr (NI Water) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Business Category Award for Utilities / Telecoms Providers.

Photo 9



Adman Civil Projects Ltd.
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Andrew Stevenson (Adman Civil Projects Ltd.) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Construction Award for Civil Engineering and Exceptional High Achiever Award (awarded for achieving a Distinction level or above for ten consecutive years).

Photo 10



Mivan Ltd.
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Jonathan Dougherty (Mivan Ltd.) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Construction Award for Specialist Contractor and Continuous High Achiever Award (awarded for achieving a Distinction level or above for five consecutive years).

Photo 11



AG Paving & Building Products Ltd.
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair), Cathy Maguire (AG Paving & Building Products Ltd.) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Construction Award for Mineral Extraction / Quarrying / Concrete Product Manufacturing Award and Continuous High Achiever Award (awarded for achieving a Distinction level or above for five consecutive years).

Photo 12



McAleer and Rushe

L-R Fergal McKevitt (NISO President), Cathal Magee (McAleer and Rushe), Mark Cullen (CEO at Health and Safety Authority ROI) with Wendy Moore (NISG Chair). Awarded the Construction Award for Industrial / Commercial activity.

Photo 13



Northern Ireland Housing Executive

L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Lynn Keightley and Karen Cunningham (NIHE) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Northern Ireland Award.

Photo 14



Ulster University
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Geoff Gillan (Ulster University) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded the Best New Entry – Large-Size Organisation Award.

Photo 15



Horizon Engineering Solutions
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Colin Shiels (Horizon Engineering Solutions) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded a Higher Distinction Award.

Photo 16



Water Solutions Ireland
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Patrick Cunningham (Water Solutions Ireland) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded a Higher Distinction Award.

Photo 17



H & A Group
L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Caroline Kirton (H & A Group) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded a Distinction Award.

Photo 18



Energia

L-R Wendy Moore (NISG Chair); Fiona Daly (Energia) and Fergal McKevitt (NISO President). Awarded a Highly Commended Award.

Photo 19



Farrans

Awarded a Highly Commended Award.

Photo 20



John Gordon Award Presentation
L-R: Bill McAllister (Safety Advice Centre – Award Sponsor), Jayne Moore from Ulster University (2026 John Gordon Award Winner – Non-Health and Safety Category) and Heather McKinstry (NISG President).

Photo 21



John Gordon Award Presentation
L-R: Bill McAllister (Safety Advice Centre – Award Sponsor), Niamh Hannon from Mallaghan Engineering Ltd. (2026 John Gordon Award Winner – Student Category) and Heather McKinstry (NISG President).

Contact NISG Secretary Nicola McCracken on info@nisg.org.uk for information on the upcoming 2027 All-Ireland Awards and 2027 John Gordon Awards or visit the NISG website at www.nisg.org.uk to find out how to become an NISG member.