



Street Works Awards' Finalists

The National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) has released the finalists for the annual NJUG Awards sponsored by Veolia Water, which recognises best practice in the street works sector.

The winners will be announced on 22nd November in the House of Commons at a ceremony hosted by Louise Ellman MP, Chair of the Transport Select Committee. The event will also include a keynote speech from Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport.

The Awards has six categories each representing a statement of the 'NJUG Vision' for street works. Winning entries will be used as examples of best practice and distributed throughout the industry.

The event is entered by utilities, contractors and local authorities and the finalists and winners are chosen by an independent panel of industry experts.

Les Guest, CEO, NJUG, "We received a large number of entries this year which made the judges' decision very difficult, therefore congratulations to all the finalists. We look forward to the Awards day which has proven invaluable in providing examples of best practice to share with industry. Good luck to all the finalists."

Matt Rowlett, Director of Operations at Veolia Water, said: "We are proud to be associated with the 2011 Awards. Year on year, the NJUG Awards continue to highlight the best in industry innovation, and showcase new ways of working, thinking and delivery."

For more information about the 2011 NJUG Awards, please contact awards@njug.org.uk or 020 7340 8737.

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NJUG Awards 2011 Finalists

NJUG Safety Award

Morgan Sindall - *From training initiative to award winning safety culture*
Veolia Water - *Polestar spells the end of confined space*
Yorkshire Water & Morrison Utility Services - *Raising the bar on safety*

NJUG Avoiding Damage Award

Clancy Docwra - *Safety through Innovation*
May Gurney - *May Gurney Invests to Develop Innovative No Dig Service Replacement Technique*
Veolia Water & KOBUS Services Ltd - *A safe and innovative approach to service pipe replacement*

NJUG Partnership Award

May Gurney - *Partnership Working by May Gurney Saves Devon Wildlife*
NMCNomenca - *Partnership keeps Buxton flowing*
Openreach & Nu Phalt - *The Vision - Getting It Right Up Your Street*
South West HAUC - *Driving up reinstatement standards; A practical guide*

NJUG Quality Award

May Gurney - *May Gurney Invests to Develop Innovative No Dig Service Replacement Technique*
South West HAUC - *Driving up reinstatement standards; A practical guide*
Veolia Water & KOBUS Services Ltd - *A safe and innovative approach to service pipe replacement*

NJUG Sustainability Award



Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions - *Recycling in Merseyside*
Complete Utilities - *Recycling the past for use in the future*
Laing O'Rourke - *Landfill powered grab truck*
North London Gas Alliance - *NLGA Sustainable Reinstatement - Minimising Waste Maximising Efficiency*

NJUG Communication Award

Lagan Construction - *Lagan Construction steer the way for public liaison*
Thames Water - *The big freeze: cool-headed customer communication*
Veolia Water & SQS - *2 hour response, 24 hour solution*

About The National Joint Utility Group (NJUG)

NJUG is the only UK industry association representing utilities and their contractors on street works issues.

Our full members include the Energy Networks Association (representing electricity and gas companies), Water UK (representing water and waste water companies), National Grid, Openreach, and Virgin Media. Our Associate Members are Clancy Docwra, Skanska Utilities, Balfour Beatty, Morrison Utility Services, Morgan Sindall, NACAP, PJ Keary, First Intervention, Carillion, Enterprise, Laing O'Rourke, AMEC, SQS, Fastflow, May Gurney and CLC Construction Ltd. Including members through trade associations, NJUG represents thirty-nine utility companies and thirteen utility contractors.

NJUG is the utility arm of the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee representing street works in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales known as HAUC (UK). Please see <http://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/> for further information.

NJUG's focus is on promoting best practice, safety, quality and co-ordination of works as well as representing utilities in discussions with Government and other stakeholders on street work issues.

Utilities undertake street works for four primary reasons – safety, security of supply, to connect or upgrade customers' supplies, or to divert apparatus to facilitate major transport or urban regeneration projects. Examples include Crossrail, the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, tram projects, or new urban and housing developments.