

Celebrating excellence and innovation at the 2023 Global Light Rail Awards

October 6, 2023



Guests from around the world gathered to celebrate another year of outstanding achievement and innovation at the Global Light Rail Awards at London's Honourable Artillery Company on Wednesday (4th October).

Well-known as the industry's 'Oscars', the judging panel evaluated submissions in 17 categories, noting that 'this was one of the toughest years yet to choose the winners. With record levels of submissions across all categories, the competition this year was very stiff. It was fantastic to see so many joint entries, showing that industry partners are sharing best practice and expertise as we all look to reduce costs, improve safety and sustainability and deliver the best possible passenger experience.'

The 2023 event, organised by Mainspring and supported by leading industry publication Tramways & Urban Transit, was hosted by respected broadcaster and journalist Nicholas Owen. The event was supported by Trams Operations Limited, Keolis, Mott MacDonald, Colas Rail, UK Tram and Northstar Consultancy.

Mainspring Managing Director Matt Johnston said: “It’s been another spectacular year for light rail development around the world. We’ve seen more cities adopt light rail as a solution to the issues of growing population, tackling congestion and improving air quality as well as helping them move towards net-zero emission targets.

“This all further proves what we’ve been saying for years: light rail is good for cities, good for business, good for the environment and, most importantly of all, good for passengers. Wise investment in tramway and light rail solutions is an important investment in the future, and our creative and vibrant supply chain is more than ready to deliver.”



2023 HONOUR ROLL

BEST ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

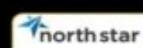
HIGHLY COMMENDED: Metro de Málaga – Extension of Lines 1 and 2

WINNER: Metro de Sevilla - The sun's energy that moves our trains

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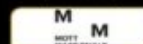
THE RICHARD BROWN BEST CUSTOMER INITIATIVE AWARD

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Midland Metro Alliance - Dedicated support for stakeholders during Metro construction

HIGHLY COMMENDED: West Midlands Metro - Helping customers during the cost of living crisis

WINNER: Keolis Nottingham - Zero Tolerance Campaign

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SIGNIFICANT SAFETY INITIATIVE

HIGHLY COMMENDED: West Midlands Metro – 'Trap and Drag' detection system

WINNER: KeolisAmey Docklands - Custom House AI

TECHNICAL INNOVATION OF THE YEAR (INFRASTRUCTURE)

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Aecom - Ontario Line Immersive Sound Studio

HIGHLY COMMENDED: KeolisAmey Docklands - Custom House AI

WINNER: Keolis Hyderabad - Power Supply Management

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TECHNICAL INNOVATION OF THE YEAR (ROLLING STOCK)

HIGHLY COMMENDED: ComfortDelGro, Singapore- Six Sigma Project

WINNER: Škoda Group - Artic X54 'Jokeri'

SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Colas Rail

WINNER: Mott MacDonald

MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Škoda

WINNER: Alstom

PROJECT OF THE YEAR <€50M

HIGHLY COMMENDED: CAF Istanbul Metro - Driverless operation

WINNER: Metrotenerife - Heimdall Project

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PROJECT OF THE YEAR >€50M

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Metro de Málaga – Extension of Lines 1 and 2

WINNER: City of Edinburgh Council - Trams to Newhaven Project

OUTSTANDING ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Efacec - Speed monitoring and control

WINNER: Kier Group - MetroFlow

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

WINNER: Alex Dodds - Network Rail

TEAM OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Keolis Hyderabad - The Workforce of Women

WINNER: Blackpool Transport Services- Heritage Tramway Team

RISING STAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Helen Cooper - West Midlands Metro

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Connor Hardy - Keolis Nottingham

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Katie Rigg - Stadler

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Hamish Falconer - Midland Metro Alliance/Colas Rail UK

WINNER: Alexandra Sjöholm - Škoda

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MOST IMPROVED SYSTEM

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Metrotenerife

WINNER: ComfortDelGro - Singapore

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OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

WINNER: RKH Qitarat

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VISION OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Qatar - RKH Qitarat - Passenger Movement

WINNER: Metrolinx Toronto - An integrated rail-based transport system for Toronto

JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD

WINNER: Colin Kerr

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