

WINVIC MAKES TWO EDIE NET ZERO AWARDS SHORTLISTS ALONGSIDE GLOBAL BLUE CHIPS

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<u>Winvic Construction Ltd</u>, has been selected as a finalist in the Net Zero Strategy of the Year and the Lloyds Bank Just Transition categories in the <u>edie Net Zero Awards</u>. edie is the industry-leading media brand that empowers sustainability, energy and environmental professionals of all levels to make business more sustainable through award-winning content and events.

The edie Net-Zero Awards have been created to recognise and reward the individuals and organisations that are spearheading the transition towards a net-zero carbon economy. Brand-new for 2023, it is a sister scheme to the edie Awards, which is now in its seventeenth year.

The winners of the edie Net-Zero Awards will be announced during an awards ceremony taking place at the Royal College of General Practitioners in Euston Square in London on 15 November, which is during edie's flagship Net-Zero November campaign full of digital content and live events.

Net Zero Strategy of the Year Award and Lloyds Bank Just Transition Award

Decarbonisation targets, which support the UK's wider net-zero goals can only be achieved with credible, robust corporate strategies and the transition to a net-zero carbon economy must leave no one behind. The Just Transition Award is for organisations that are championing a just transition, which puts social responsibility, equality, diversity and inclusion at the heart of what they do. The Net Zero Strategy of the Year Award aims to recognise organisations that have developed and/or delivered ambitious strategies which put them on a net-zero carbon trajectory.



Winvic's Doing It Right for a Sustainable Future Initiative

Winvic is guided by its 'Doing It Right' ethos and The Winvic Way values whilst delivering construction and civil engineering projects for its clients nationally. Winvic understands that as a business, it can play a pivotal role in delivering long term, sustainable value that contributes to meeting the needs of the communities in which it lives and works.

Winvic takes a holistic approach to sustainability with four pillars within its <u>Sustainability Strategy</u> – People, Planet, Innovation and Community. The four pillars, are underpinned by six goal areas, and inform a roadmap for Winvic to work towards its sustainability Net Zero targets:.

- Energy and Emissions
- Waste and Biodiversity
- Productions
- Materials
- Community
- Employment and Wellbeing

The strategy has been designed to be agile and therefore able to deliver against the evolving needs of Winvic's clients as well as deliver year-on-year progress towards its Net Zero ambition by 2025. Achieving Achilles Carbon Reduce Certification in line with ISO 14064 during its eleventh year of measuring and certifying its operational Greenhouse Emissions (GHG), demonstrates Winvic's commitment to transparent reporting on the impact of its business operations. This globally recognised, third-party verified certification is aligned with industry best practice for emission measuring and reporting.

Momentum towards responsible business practices and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) commitments from clients has accelerated, which aligns perfectly with Winvic's commitments to a Just Transition and Net Zero. As well as putting a big focus on carbon reduction, social value has become an integral part of project delivery and Winvic has proactively invested in its inhouse specialist expertise and resources to enable it to maintain its enviable record of responsible and ethical project delivery.

Winvic recognised that securing the engagement and commitment of both its clients and supply chain was crucial to enabling it to achieve its Net Zero ambition and develop a just transition to a more sustainable future in construction. After briefing its internal teams, Winvic proactively engaged its clients as well as its supply chain through forming a Green Supply Chain (GSC). To support this, Winvic rolled out its Sustainable Procurement Framework to secure a commitment from Winvic's supply chain to sourcing materials more sustainably, ethically and locally.

Working collaboratively in this way has enabled Winvic to effectively target and provide support and resources for the key issues that communities are facing during challenging economic shifts. For example, Winvic reacted fast during the cost-of-living crisis by increasing the amount of volunteering and support the business provides to foodbanks local to its sites and offices, and donating Dignity Bags containing essential items to local community groups and homeless charities. With the rising costs of energy a major concern, Winvic created pop-up energy hubs in foodbanks and community centres to distribute energy vouchers to families and people on low-incomes.

Arun Thaneja, Winvic's Technical Services and Sustainability Director, said: "Being shortlisted for two edie



Net Zero Awards where we're up against some huge global brands is an honour and illustrates that we're raising the bar in our industry for delivering sustainable buildings and infrastructure. We're protecting the planet for future generations and leaving lasting positive, social, environmental, and economic legacies in the places in which we live and work. Congratulations goes to the whole Winvic team.

"As the momentum towards responsible business practices and ESG commitments continues to accelerate, we're proud to be leading the way and seeing increased demand for our specialist expertise and resources in this area. We promote innovation, collaboration, transparency and data sharing – all crucial to help clients to attain their goals, for us to reach ours and to benefit the whole construction industry."