

ICE NEWS

E3 AWARD

Whitbybird scoops award for engineering in schools

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Ramboll Whitbybird has won the inaugural E3 Award for Excellent Engineers working with Education in London. Halcrow was runner-up.

Air Products, Arup, Faber Maunsell and MW Kellogg were all shortlisted. Individual entrant Ewre Odaro received a special commendation.

The presentation was made during the ICE/Institution of Mechanical Engineers joint London region annual dinner at the Park Plaza Riverbank on 3 April.

The competition aims to highlight companies or individuals striving to promote engineering within the education environment.

Special note was given to Ramboll Whitbybird's breadth of activity in schools and universities across the capital and in Greater London region.

The company's team of volunteers work with students from a

variety of educational establishments including Imperial College London, Dulwich College, St Paul's School for Girls, and Mulberry School in Tower Hamlets, east London. Typical sessions with students include participatory design challenges and presentations.

Time spent in either a school or university is an internal training requirement for new Ramboll Whitbybird employees aiming for chartership, which this year is company-funded.

Volunteers also regularly act as ICE and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Network (STEMNET) ambassadors.

One team works with the Brightside Trust – a charity that encourages people from ethnic minority backgrounds into engineering via a network of mentors – and the government-funded Engineering Education Scheme, which encourages science and engineering subjects in schools.

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Celebrate: Abdur Modoni, Michael Arch, Kate Nicholson & sponsor Will Goode

ognise companies or individuals striving to promote engineering and encourages the valuable experiences that engineers can offer to engineers of the future.

The award was presented to Ramboll Whitbybird volunteers Abdur Modoni, Michael Arch, Kate Nicholson by Will Goode, ConstructionResale.co.uk chief

executive.

Eddie Jump, head of Ramboll Whitbybird's training and development group, said: "This award is a well-earned recognition of the commitment many of our engineers make to the capital's schools and universities, positively improving the basis of which students relate to engineering."



President on training visit to Sandhurst

ICE president David Orr will visit Sandhurst Military Academy as part of his presidential visit to the South East region in June.

Specialist training company IDG uses the Sandhurst facilities for team-building exercises.

The type of training provided by IDG is designed to focus on the creation and execution of strategic plans, "the art of effective decision making" and "communicating effectively upwards and downwards".

The president's visit is intended to highlight the importance of developing skills and team working, and shows that training can be done in interesting and challenging ways. One of IDG's customers Kier Engineering Services believes the training works particularly well for managers in a construction environment. Orr will arrive for the "passing out" dinner.