



# The Institute of Refractories Engineers

# Best Paper Competition

At this year's Conference the IRE will be hosting a best paper competition for young people in the refractory industry.

This is a great opportunity to showcase yourself and your work to major refractory companies within Europe and beyond.

The topic scope is broad and can be anything refractory related.

## Stage 1

Papers will be initially submitted to the IRE secretary.

**Submit the following to  
[secretary@ireng.org](mailto:secretary@ireng.org):**

Name

Occupation (working/student)

Role at work/ Course studying

Institute (Place of study/work)

Reference contact (Manager/Professor etc)

Presentation Title

Presentation Synopsis

Bio (Tell us about yourself)

**Please submit your entry before 30/09/2026**

**Presentation date 18/11/2026**

## Stage 2

A vetting panel, made up of IRE Council Members will re-view all papers submitted. 3 papers will then be selected to be presented and judged on the conference day.

## Stage 3

18th November 2026

Quays Hotel Sheffield

Shortlisted presenters will give a 10 minute presentation to Conference attendees followed by a further 5 minutes of questions from the judging panel.

## Stage 4

Judges will decide a winner!

### Prizes

Winner £250

Runners up £150

Plus free 2027 IRE Membership

