



INNOVATION & LEARNING Festival 2025

Where Roads & Technology Meet





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2025 OVERVIEW

LCRIG Innovation & Learning Festival 2025

The 2025 Festival brought together the highways community for two inspiring days at NAEC Stoneleigh. With record-breaking attendance, brand-new features, and powerful moments of shared insight, it was our biggest and boldest event yet.

Innovation in Action

Across indoor and outdoor spaces, delegates experienced live demonstrations, interactive exhibits, and the latest in highways maintenance and transport technology. Established organisations and start-ups shared solutions that are already shaping the future of the sector.

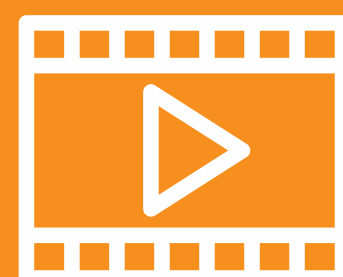


"The event clearly showcased how innovation can enhance safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness across our road networks."

National Highways

"Inspiring to see so many innovative approaches shaping the future of our highways."

East Riding of Yorkshire Council



Watch Highlights Video



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Shared Learning and Fresh Perspectives

Delegates gained CPD credits through technical training sessions and joined thought-provoking debates in the Innovation Think Pavilion. These sessions cut through the hype around emerging tech – including AI – to explore what really works in practice.

In 2025 we also provided 61 fully funded places for apprentices, helping the next generation of highways professionals gain valuable insights and connections.



Collaboration at the Core

The festival once again proved itself as a hub for connection, with over 800 delegates from local authorities, government bodies, and the private sector. From technical discussions to coffee-break conversations, the event created an open, collaborative environment that will help shape the industry's future.



“Our team is exploring new opportunities sparked by the event. This is so helpful to us and the sector. I can't emphasise that enough.”

Calderdale Council



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2025 IN NUMBERS



£220,000 worth of funded delegate places provided, supporting access for nearly **400** fully funded delegates.

- 50%** public sector attendees
- 50%** private sector attendees

100
exhibitors

97
local
authorities

61
apprentices

8
innovative new
companies

33
speakers

5
live demos

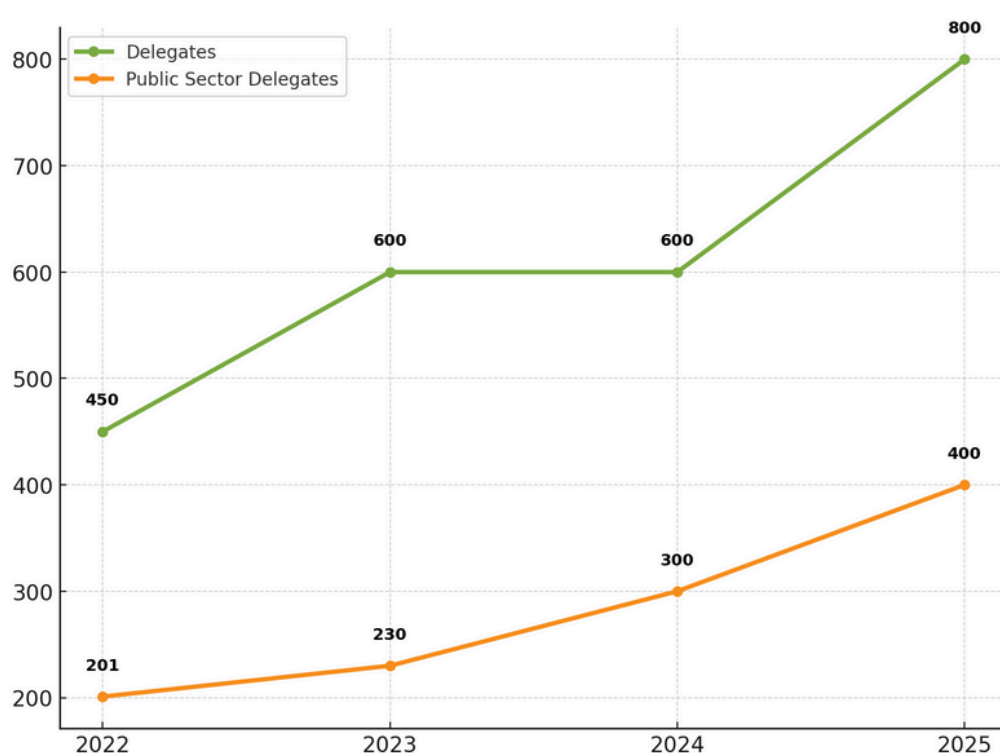
29
technical learning
sessions

6
interactive
workshop sessions

600
attended DfT
awards evening

25%
attendee
growth

96,757
impressions
on LinkedIn 



Delegate Growth

25% increase in delegate growth in 2025

Since its inception in 2022, the Innovation & Learning Festival has seen delegate numbers grow from 450 to a record 800 in 2025.

Public sector attendance has also doubled in this time, rising from 201 to 400 delegates.

A clear sign of the festival's growing importance across the sector.



LOCAL AUTHORITIES

By Region

83 English Authorities, including:

- **2** North East
- **15** North West
- **12** Yorkshire & the Humber
- **10** East Midlands
- **9** West Midlands
- **8** East of England
- **16** South East
- **11** South West

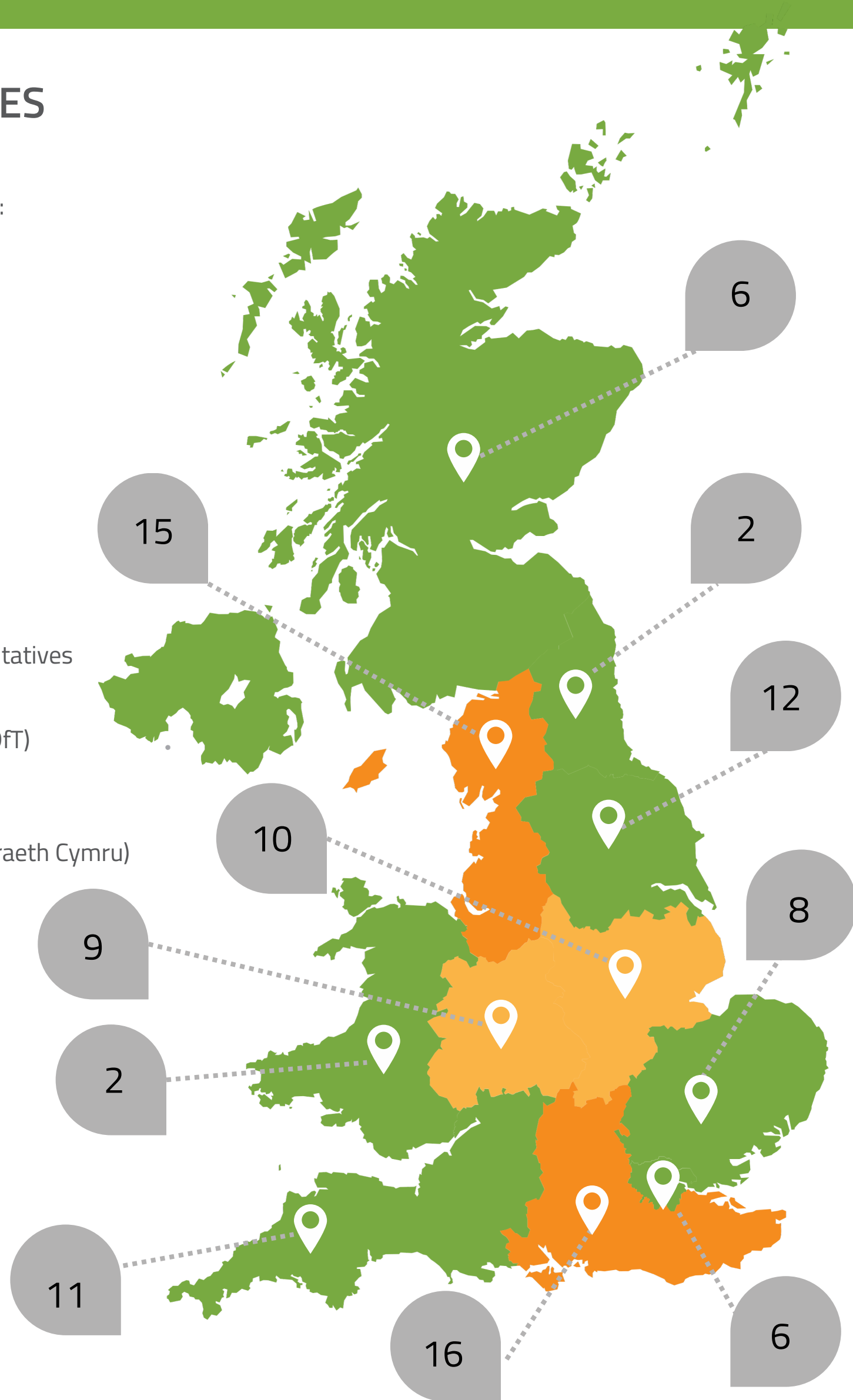
6 London Boroughs
2 Combined Authorities
6 Scottish Authorities
2 Welsh Authorities

We were also joined by representatives from:

- Department for Transport (DfT)
- National Highways
- Transport for London
- UK Ministry of Defence
- Welsh Government (Llywodraeth Cymru)

"As always a fantastic mix of speakers and demos, showcasing insightful work areas and innovative solutions."

Bolton Council



"A packed agenda with live demonstrations and CPD training sessions. Very interesting innovation specific session by National Highways on the use of AI technology." Barnsley Council



"We were truly inspired by the cutting-edge innovations showcased. We left with fresh insights, new collaborations, and an even stronger commitment to revolutionising transport infrastructure."

Multipave (NW) Ltd

Overall
Satisfaction

4.3 ★

Average rating



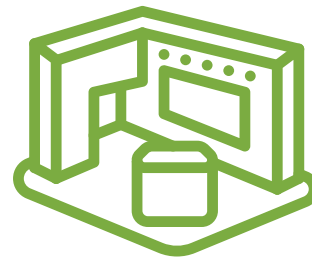
97%

said they would
recommend to colleagues



97%

said they are likely to
attend future events



88%

said they are likely to exhibit
at future events

Technical Training
Sessions



90%

Very satisfied or satisfied

Think Pavilion
Sessions



80%

Very satisfied or satisfied

Demonstrations



87%

Very satisfied or satisfied

DfT Apprentice
Awards



88%

Very satisfied or satisfied

"It has been an enlightening couple of days where tech innovation takes centre stage. The festival showcases cutting-edge solutions for smarter, safer sustainable roads."

Midlands Highways Alliance Plus



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2025 DFT AWARDS

DfT Special Recognition Apprentice Awards

This year saw the very first DfT Special Recognition Apprentice Awards, a brand-new addition to the festival and a true celebration of excellence:

- 5 award categories plus a special apprentice competition
- 6 sponsors and 6 expert judges supported the awards process
- 30 apprentices nominated across the 5 award categories
- 5 competition entries in the apprentice challenge
- 6 awards presented, with 6 winners and 6 highly commended recognised for their achievements

2025 WINNERS



Inspirational Apprentice
Jess Banbury
Amey Staffordshire



Exceptional Frontline Apprentice
Hannah Black
Citisense



Outstanding Achievement (L2)
Kizito Brady
Bolton Council



Outstanding Achievement (L3)
Joshua Battersby
Rotherham Borough Council



Outstanding Achievement (L4-6)
George Buchanan
Portsmouth City Council



Inspiring the Future
Leanna Dinneen
Islington Council

"A fantastic opportunity for our future leaders to attend live demonstrations, CPD technical training sessions and workshops, all dedicated to advancing highways maintenance and transport technology." Breedon Group

Competition Winner of
£1,000 donated by LCRIG, and
a place on the LCRIG
Apprenticeship Task Group



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2025 IN PICTURES



Bookings for LCRIG Innovation & Learning Festival 2026 are now open.

You can find out more about the event and book your attendance here.

Find out more



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2025 SPEAKERS

EXPERT SPEAKERS

Thank you to all
our speakers

"Beyond the interesting
presentations, it was genuinely
inspiring to connect with so many
innovators." RoadTrace by AISIN



Maxwell Ash
National Highways



Chris Booth
Forbes Solicitors LLP



Glenn Brouwer
INSPECH



Paula Claytonsmith
LCRIG



Ryan Croft
Highway Care



Jeannie Foo
Metis



Ben Foster
Blue Phoenix



Oli France
Keynote



Adam Gothorp
DfT



Richard Green
BUKO Traffic & Safety UK



Mike Harper
Robotiz3d



Paddy Hastie
Peacock Salt



Andrew Hodgkinson
Tarmac



Lian Hutchings
Low Carbon Materials



Dorian Isaacson
Streetwise Technology



Christina Liassides
Gaist



Richard McKenna
Traffic Management Products



Donal McNamee
Roadmaster



Keely Metcalfe
LCRIG



Laura Murphy
DfT



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2025 SPEAKERS



Stephen Nicholl
Peacock Salt



Justin Osborne
Stabilised Pavements



Matthew Parry
Tarmac



Ben Parsons
SRL Traffic Systems



Lora Payne
Aisin RoadTrace



Costi Rentzos
Citisense



Sean Rooney
Oxfordshire County Council



Olly Samways
Westcotec



Russell Smallridge
Meon UK



Andy Stevenson
W.D.M. Ltd



Dale Stevenson
Rennicks



Josh Sweeney
Multevo



Emyr Thomas
National Highways



Paul Thompson
Wrekin Products



James Tindall
Castle Surveys



John Warne
WJ Group



Tony Woolridge
Rhino Asphalt Solutions



Listen to All Speaker Sessions



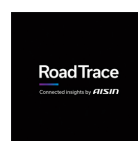


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24 - 25 June 2026 | NAEC Stoneleigh, Kenilworth

**Discover the Future of Highways and
Road Infrastructure Technology**

CPD Training | Live Demonstrations | Start-Up Zone
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DfT Special Recognition Apprentice Awards

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SKILLS