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## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual National Journalism Awards

Welcome to the 2019 IBP interactive awards bulletin. Click on the links or use the buttons at the bottom of the page, to navigate through to the winning journalists' articles. For the nominations go to the awards drop down menu on our homepage.

### Hard work and good intuition net Construction News journalist top three awards

The judges were pleased to see new faces as well as old hands submitting entries this year. Between them they produced a wide range of subjects and deep analysis, informing and educating their readerships in print and on digital platforms.

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# Architecture Writer of the Year

Writers in this category delivered some extraordinary detailed, well-observed and lyrical features on structures and buildings from all over the world. They brought their subjects to life by weaving in history with technical details and probing interviews and stylish writing.

## Winner: Isabelle Priest, *RIBA Journal*

This is a journalist with a distinctive voice. Isabelle writes with confidence and style. Her writing throughout is lean and vivid, full of detailed description. Her submissions show versatility and empathy with her subject matter, but the confidence and maturity to voice a strong opinion on political aspects and the impact of her stories.

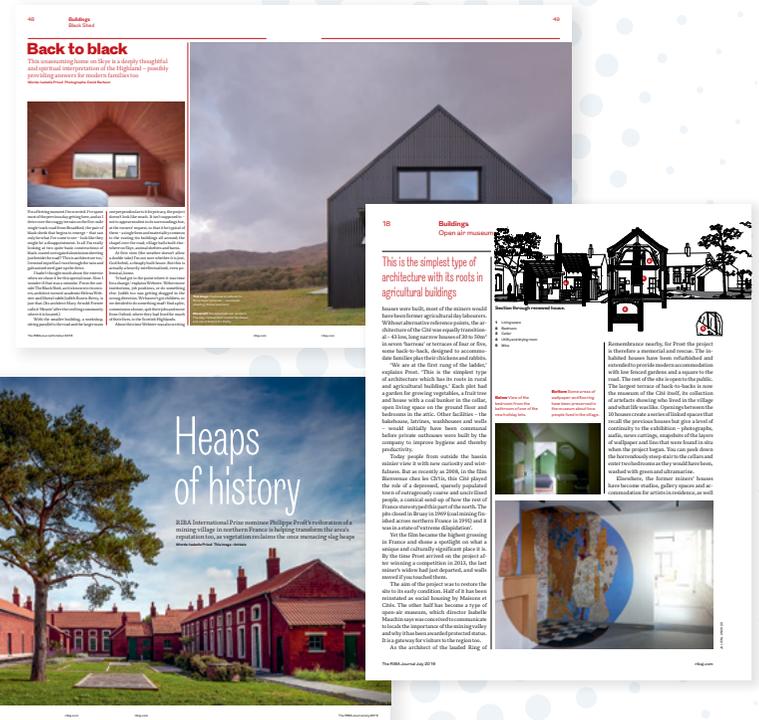
### Nominations:

Will Hurst, *The Architects' Journal* – Highly Commended

Ike Ijeh, *BD* – Commended

Tom Ravenscroft, *Dezeen*

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# Construction/Infrastructure Writer of the Year

A very competitive category again this year with entries of a consistently high standard. The comprehensive, well-structured and wide-ranging submissions impressed the judges with their insight and international flavor. The skillful presentation of complex technical and sequencing information in a readily understandable form, so important in this category, was clearly evident.

## Winner: Zak Garner-Purkis, *Construction News*

Three worthy articles – packed with detail and presented with passion and enthusiasm. The piece on Carilion's silent victims was insightful and revealing.

The impact of the piece on construction's black market drew high praise from the judges – a powerful, well sourced and well written article.

The judges were impressed by the imaginative and dogged approach to research and information gathering – journalism at its best.

### Nominations:

Emily Ashwell, *New Civil Engineer*

Elizabeth Hopkirk, *BD*

Thomas Lane, *Building*

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# News Reporter of the Year

Really, really strong field this year that left the judges struggling to choose a winner. All the nominated are at the leading edge of journalism in the built environment.

## Winner: Jack Simpson, *Inside Housing*

News is about getting important information to the reader as quickly as possible. Jack acted rapidly to establish the facts about one of the most high-profile incidents in the sector within 24 hours, helping industry to mobilize and respond properly to the Barking block destroyed in fire.

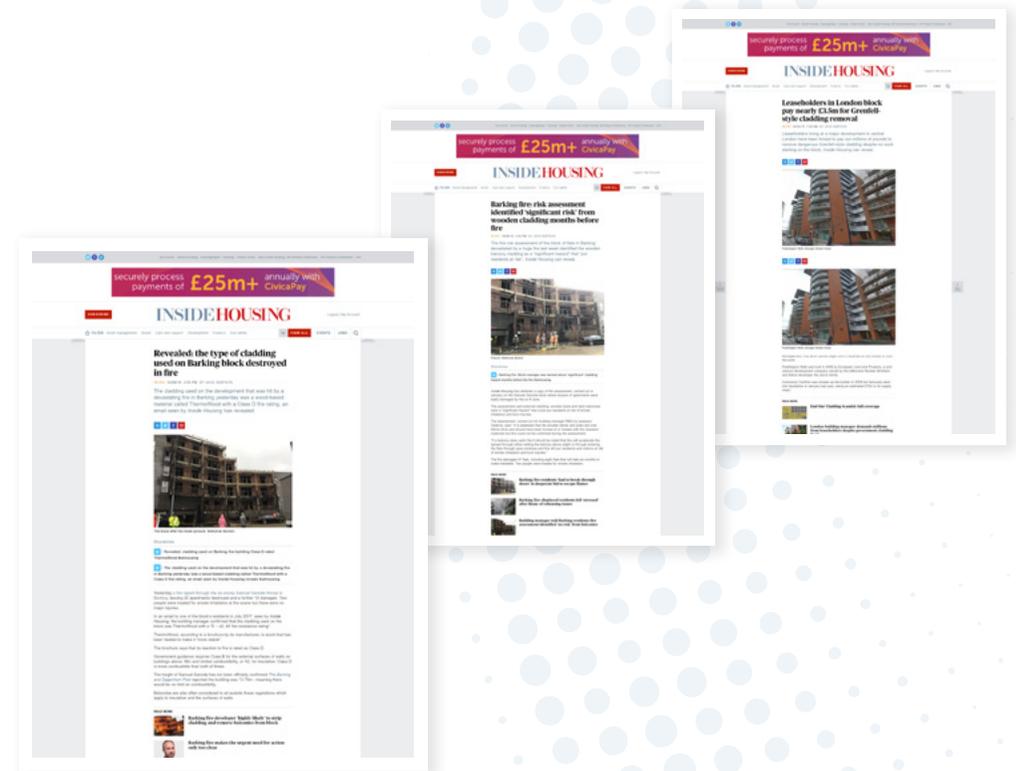
Further pieces, including the article on London leaseholders asked to pay to remove cladding, were soundly researched and revealed details that beat the national press on urgent topics.

### Nominations:

Pete Apps, *Inside Housing*

Luke Barratt, *Inside Housing*

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# Business/Financial Journalist of the Year

Business and Financial cover a wide swathe of the property sector and the entries explored the whole area, from social housing to road building. The journalists showed their specialist expertise and the best were also able to explain the subjects in simple and entertaining ways to a wider readership.

## Winner: David Price, *Construction News*

David Price had a good old-fashioned scoop on the collapse of Wales's biggest builder. He told the story straight – in easily comprehended short sentences without overwriting the story. And he told it first.

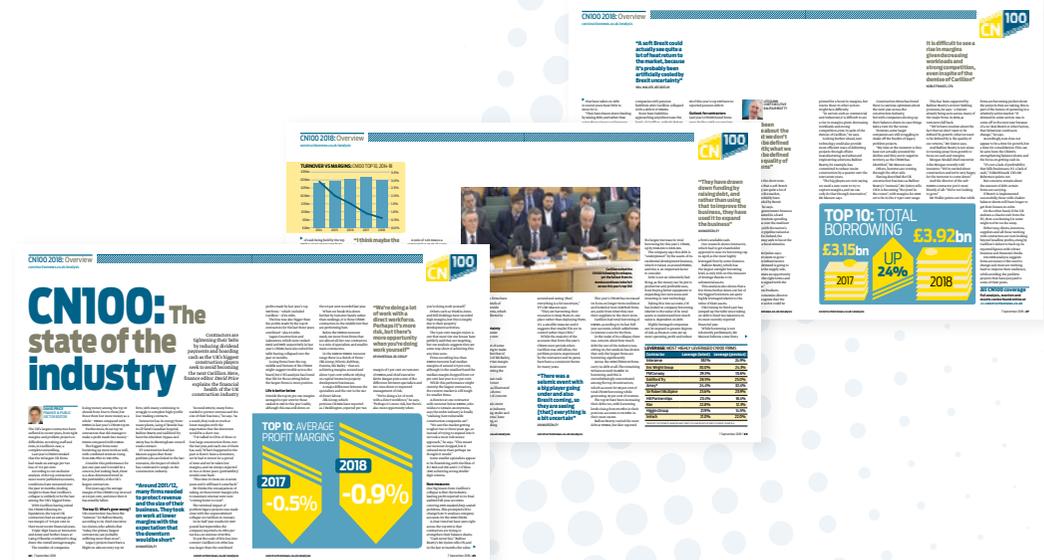
His articles on the failure of the government's prompt-payment system showed his ability to get inside a complex story but to present his conclusions simply.

### Nominations:

Luke Barratt, *Inside Housing*

Luke Cross, *Social Housing*

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# Commercial Property Writer of the Year

The entrants for this category showed the breadth of the subject as well as an ability to explore its depth. They included penetrating interviews, detailed statistical analysis and showed how even apparently dull subjects can be made interesting through stylish writing.

## Winner: Dave Rogers, *Building*

Dave Rogers interviewed two of the drivers behind Stanhope, one of London's most innovative developers. His article chronicled their past glories but looked to the future and, as importantly, delved into the personalities of the people behind the property.

This was a human-interest piece, lightly but intellectually written.

### Nominations:

Mark Hansford, *New Civil Engineer*

Megan Kelly, *Construction News*

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# Housing/Residential Journalist of the Year

A much stronger competition this year than we have seen recently with great entries from a range of journalists. No surprises that Grenfell features across many entries with journalists holding authority and organisations to account, while getting under the surface of the long-term effects.

## Winner: Pete Apps, *Inside Housing*

Pete offered highly thoughtful, well written and explained articles. He can communicate substantive and complex issues well. There is great human-interest content in his pieces but also hard-edged exclusive news.

### Nominations:

Martina Lees, writing for *The Sunday Times* and *Tortoise Media*

Jack Simpson, *Inside Housing*



# 'New' Journalist of the Year

There was a huge variety of stories and styles in this category – all reflecting a commitment to delivering high quality journalism. The judges were impressed by how well these young journalists had grasped the complexities of the field in which they were working, building high-level sources and writing with sophistication and confidence.

## Winner: William Ing, *Building*

William Ing's incredibly varied portfolio demonstrates the versatility of this young journalist. The features seamlessly weave technical detail and interviews with closely observed detail, that make readers feel that they are there, at the scene. Will has an eye for a story and one that generates traffic.

### Nominations:

Frances Williams, *The Architects' Journal* – Highly Commended

Megan Kelly, *Construction News* – Commended



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**Mental health: An industry improved?**

**CHARTED, WHICH FACTORS DO YOU VIEW AS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO POOR MENTAL HEALTH?**

Long hours	75%
Job uncertainty	70%
Working long	65%
Tight deadlines	60%
Poor weather	55%
Site safety	50%
Financial pressures	45%
Work culture	40%
Drugs	35%
Alcohol	30%
Other	25%

**59% of people said they had someone to support them at work**

**54% of people didn't tell their employer the real reason for taking time off work**

**73% of people agreed or strongly agreed that there was not enough awareness about mental health in the industry**

**"Some subcontractors can be quite dismissive or talking on these initiatives, but once someone leads by example, they start to listen"**



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# Event of the Year

The final scoring saw these three nominees' neck and neck, showing the strong competition in this fledgling award. Although hoping for more entries in future, all the judges were impressed with the variety and creativity on display in the submissions. Bold ideas, powerful return on investment and a clearly defined purpose shone through, vital in this category.

## Winner: Housing 2019, *Ocean Media Group*

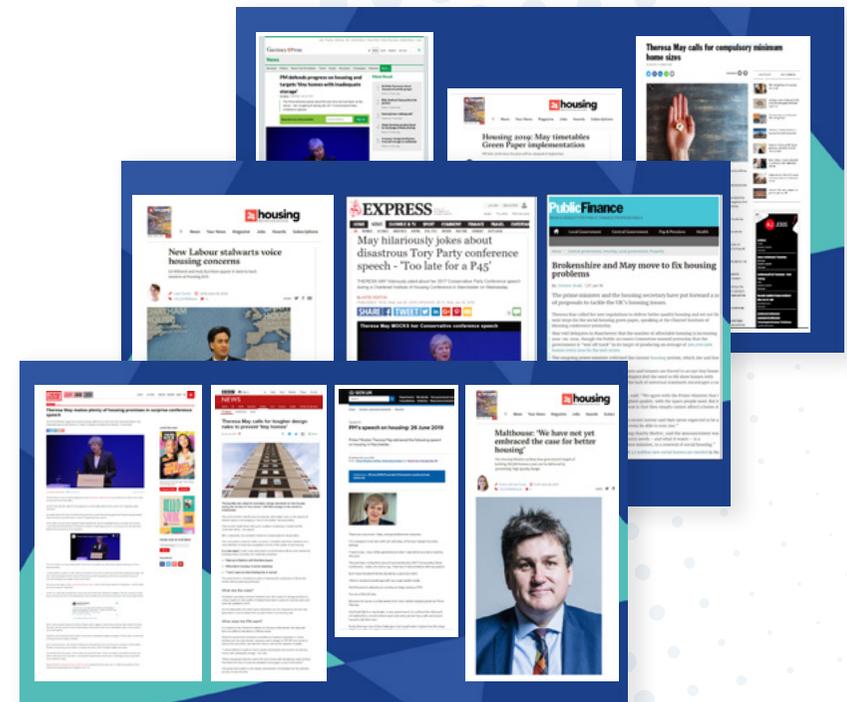
The judges were impressed with the sheer number of moving parts that needed to be kept perfectly whirring away for Housing 2019. From high-profile VIP speakers through to an effortless badging process, no detail had been overlooked.

The judges noted that it was only by making every aspect of the event run like clockwork that a powerful return on investment could be delivered. This created a sustainable conference programme, ready to run for many years into the future.

### Nominations:

Build to Rent, *Bisnow*

Festival of Place, *The Developer*



# Digital Leadership of the Year

The judges would have liked to have seen more entries to this important new category. There are digital initiative sin other categories and the judges would encourage those entrants to enter. Nevertheless, the judges congratulate the entrants who were shortlisted.

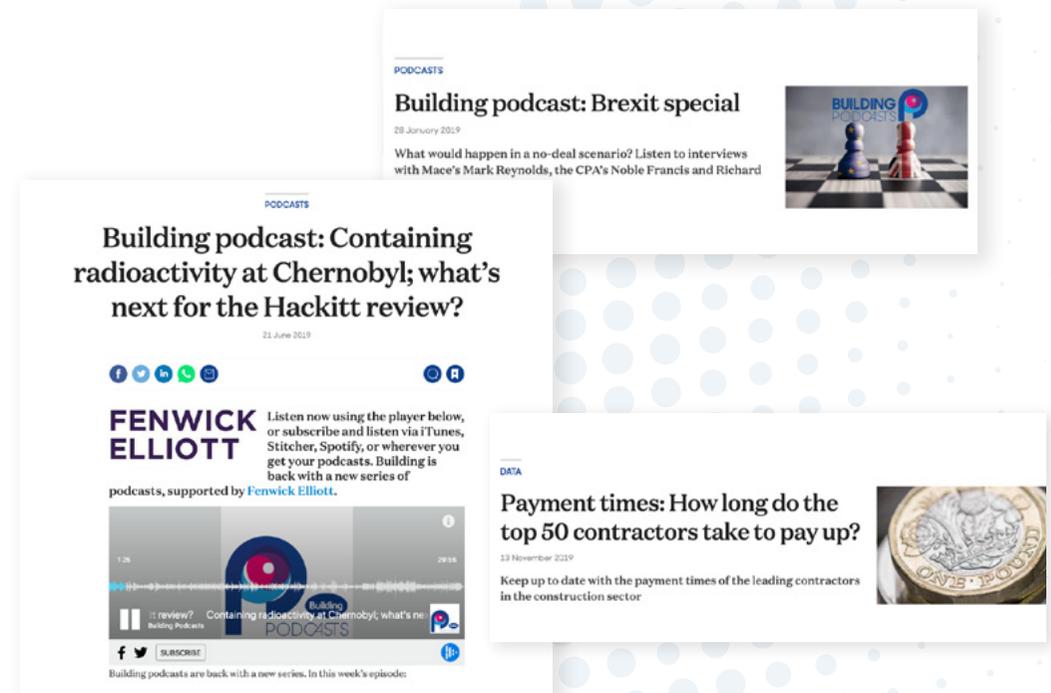
## Winner: Jamie Harris, *Building*

Jamie brought in a number of elements. The podcasts were tight and well-focused. The judges particularly enjoyed the Chernobyl podcast which brought to life the experience of being on the ground.

### Nominations:

Mark Hansford and Alexandra Wynne, *New Civil Engineer*

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# Scoop of the Year

Breadth of coverage and dogged and diligent investigation characterized this category. All the entries involved hard graft and determined digging.

## Winner: Zak Garner-Purkis, *Construction News*

The impact of this story on the allegations behind the delays to Tottenham Hotspur's £850m stadium was huge – with broadsheet, broadcast as well as tabloid pick-up. The digital pick-up was enormous, beating all former records. The headline – grabbing drink and drugs features of the story summing up wider problems on site.

### Nominations:

Christine Murray, *The Developer*

Jack Simpson, *Inside Housing*

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# Editorial Brand of the Year

In the inaugural year of this category the judges were delighted to be able to select a strong shortlist. There are a lot of new ideas and an enduring commitment to good journalism and the target audience.

## Winner: *Dezeen*

Dezeen taps into the zeitgeist, really understands its audience and has well-planned and original content – there was a great deal of preparation for the Bauhaus Anniversary which paid off. The evidence is in the stats, particularly the growth on Instagram.

### Nominations:

The Developer – Highly Commended

The Architects' Journal

Building

Inside Housing

New Civil Engineer

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Peter Roper, freelance journalist and former editor of New Builder gets the Ferrari treatment!



Left to right:  
Toby Lewis, CEO, Live Group, Andy Pring, writer, editor and Comms consultant and Catherine Edmunds,  
Strategic Events and Content at AVEVA share their thoughts with Nick Ferrari at the final judging session.



Left to right:  
John Yadoo, consultant, Pryme Consulting, Soraya Khan, partner, Theis and Khan architects and Barbara Rowlands, Associate Professor of Journalism, City, University of London tuck into the latest crop of New Journalism entries.



Industry gurus at work, left to right:  
Alasdair Reisner, CEO, CECA (former Construction News journalist), John Slaughter, Director, External Affairs,  
Home Builders Federation and Mike Leonard, CEO, Building Alliance review the best stories from the past year.