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Manchester  
Chartered Insurance Institute

# Jubilee Prize Awards Ceremony

11th June 2025

The Everyman Cinema,  
Manchester

## 2025

**Hosted by the Education & Development Committee**

**Committee Chair:** Emma Ackers Cert CII/PTLLS/MSET

**Deputy Chair:** Anita Pollastretti LLB (Hons) Solicitor, Dip CII

### Committee Members

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# Order of the day

09:30

Arrival & breakfast

09:50

Presidents welcome

10:00

Guest speaker: Lucy Weaver

10:30

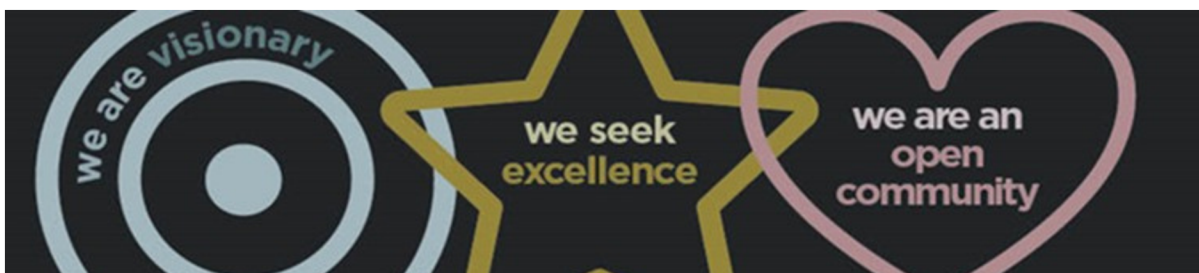
Awards presentation & photos

11:00

Refreshments and networking

12:00

Finish





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It is a great honour to serve as President of the Insurance Institute of Manchester, an organisation I have been proudly involved with for 14 years. The institute has always championed the education of Mancunian insurance professionals, a principle that dates back to its founding in 1873. My time running the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) committee and organising professional development seminars has been incredibly rewarding, and I am proud to help my fellow professionals grow and succeed.

Alongside CPD, the Education Committee is truly the heartbeat of our institute, dedicated to providing top-tier education, training, and development opportunities. From the Fast Track Diploma and ACII courses to leadership development and career advice, the committee plays a crucial role in nurturing the next generation of insurance professionals. Its efforts ensure that our members are well-prepared to excel in their careers, making the committee an invaluable asset to us all.

The Jubilee Prize Awards event is the highlight of our educational calendar, a time when we come together to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our members both locally and nationally. Established over 50 years ago, these awards recognise academic excellence and offer a special occasion to honour the hard work and dedication of our members, alongside the support of their employers and our generous sponsors, Insurance Training Partnership, PHP Insurance, Kennedys Law LLP, Empower Development, Ecclesiastical, Arch, BIBA, Aviva, Bridge, Gritthis & Armour, Howden, McLarens, and Weightmans LLP.

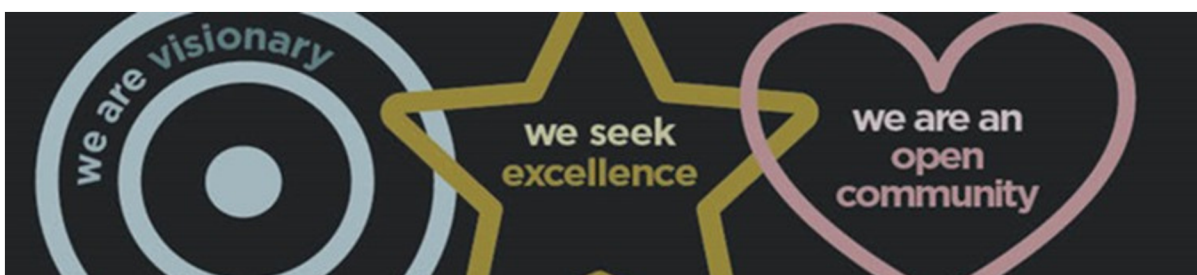
This ceremony is a wonderful testament to the commitment of the Insurance Institute of Manchester to excellence in education and professional development. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the winners. Your dedication and achievements are truly inspiring, and it is a pleasure to celebrate your success with you.



**Marc Hargreaves**

Underwriting Portfolio Lead for Zurich  
Insurance  
**President of The Insurance Institute of  
Manchester**

Marc





# Congratulations to our winners of 2024



**Grace Howell**

Insurance Law



**Samuel Johnson**

Insurance Broking  
Practice



**Curtis Clifford**

Claims Practice



**Michael Teague**

Insurance Business &  
Finance



**Curtis Clifford**

Liability Insurances



**James Carter**

Underwriting Practice



**Thomas Mason**

Commercial Property  
& Business  
Interruption



**Thomas Whitehouse**

Advanced Claims



**Anisah Khan**

Risk Management  
in Insurance



**Amy Godwin**

Best Cert CII  
Performance



**Alissa Bonnett**

Best Dip CII  
Performance



**Gabriella**

**Miller**

Youngest ACII  
Completion



**Michael Gough**

Best ACII Performance



**Jack Durrant**

FCII Completion





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Lucy, a 29-year-old from the Bury area in Manchester, has been on an incredible personal journey of transformation since 2019. That year marked a turning point when she decided to change her lifestyle habits, stepping away from old routines and committing to a healthier, more active life. She began by simply going to the gym, but it was when she discovered weight training that everything clicked — this wasn't just about fitness; it was about unlocking strength, resilience, and confidence she never knew she had.

By profession, Lucy is a fully qualified health nurse, but her story goes far beyond her career. For many years, she battled mental health challenges and anxiety, struggles that often made everyday life feel overwhelming. Through her fitness journey, she found a powerful outlet — not just for physical change, but for mental and emotional healing. Alongside these personal victories, Lucy's life has grown in other meaningful ways: she is now a proud mother to a little boy, showing him daily what determination and self-belief look like.

Today, Lucy has taken her passion even further by becoming a coach, dedicated to helping women weave exercise and positive habits into their busy everyday lives. She understands firsthand the pressures and time demands women face, especially those balancing careers, families, and personal challenges. Having completed marathons and faced down her own battles, Lucy is driven by a mission: to show that fitness isn't about perfection, but about progress, strength, and feeling empowered every single day.

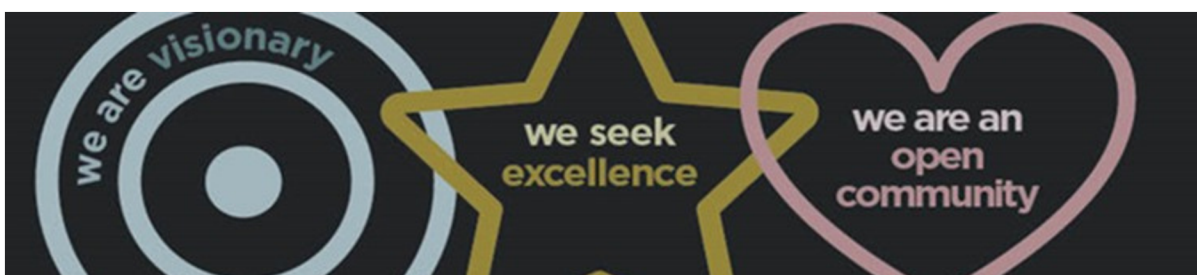


**Lucy Weaver - Nicholson**

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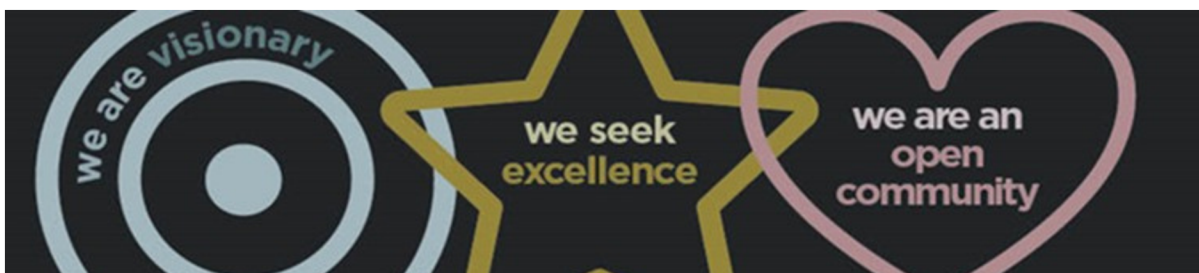
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## The Insurance Institute of Manchester's Committees

### **Finance & Governance Committee (Chair: Katie Jackson Treasurer: Lisa Petherick)**

Oversees the institute's financial health and ensures compliance with governance standards.

### **Education and Development Committee (Chair: Emma Ackers)**

Focuses on educational initiatives, including Fast Track courses for Dip CII and ACII, the Jubilee Prize Awards, and development programs for mid-career professionals.

### **Events Committee (Chair: Chris Lynch)**

Organizes social and sports events to foster networking and community engagement among members. (Volunteers required)

### **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee (Chair: Nicola Cattani)**

Delivers webinars and in-person events on technical and soft skills to support members' ongoing professional development.

### **Dinners Committee (Chair: Lydia White)**

Plans key social events such as the Annual Dinner, Style in the City, and the Young Members Ball.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee (Chair: Scott Winn)**

Promotes wellbeing through initiatives, support, and training to help members navigate challenges and maintain mental health.

### **Communications Committee (Chair: Sandra McDonald)**

Manages the institute's website, email communications, and LinkedIn presence to keep members informed and engaged.

### **Emerging Professionals Committee (Chair: Emma Ackers)**

Supports early-career members by providing networking opportunities, events, and resources tailored to their professional growth. (Volunteers required)

### **Other Roles**

#### **Liaison Officer (Eleanor Moore)**

Acts as a bridge between the institute and external stakeholders, ensuring effective communication and collaboration.

#### **Regional Forum Representative (Paul Heathcote)**

Represents the IIM at regional forums, contributing to discussions and initiatives that impact the wider insurance community.

#### **Charities Representative (Brad Jackson)**

Coordinates charitable activities and partnerships, fostering a culture of giving within the institute.

#### **Diversity Officers (Andrew Panayiotou & Jordan Hurst)**

Promote inclusion and equality within IIM, ensuring diverse voices are represented across events, initiatives, and leadership.





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