



The History

Founded in 1917 in Caernarfon the Institute of Quarrying (IQ) has over the last 100 years been at the forefront of driving standards and professionalism within the quarrying industry. The founding fathers of the Institute set out a clear purpose for the organisation;

"To advance the science and practice of quarrying internationally in the interests of the public at large."

The Institute has remained true to this purpose throughout its history developing activities supporting that overarching purpose including;

- Setting the standards and competencies for individuals working in the industry
- Developing innovative learning and education pathways to develop the profession in line with the needs of the industry
- Supporting members in developing their skills, knowledge and experience through sharing best practice and professional development activities
- Working collaboratively with other stakeholders to address key issues in the industry such as Health and Safety
- Establish schemes to recognise and promote best practice in the industry to the wider world

The Vision

The Institute is proud of its heritage and the contribution of its members over the last 100 years but as a progressive and forward thinking organisation it is looking to the future.

This centennial year is not only a chance to reaffirm our commitment to the core purpose of supporting the membership but to increase our efforts to support the members of today and those of the future generations who will join the industry over the next 100 years. Committing to taking best practice and leading standards to the profession globally.

The Centennial Pledge sets out the IQ's commitment to the industry in how it will support the profession and the Pledge from industry in supporting the IQ in its mission.

THE INDUSTRY COMMITS TO

Support IQ Development by:

- Committing to ensure all relevant employee's become IQ members
- Supporting all students and apprentices in their organisations to become members
- Supporting employee's to progress through membership grades

Support IQ Best Practice by:

- Providing case studies and guidance to share best practice with the IQ member networks, both face to face and online
- Supporting IQ events and activities with speakers
- Engaging the IQ in research and innovation to develop the profession

Support IQ Standards & Education by:

- Sharing industry intelligence and data to help ensure IQ educational programmes address the needs of the industry
- Supporting and embedding where relevant the IQ schemes
- Promoting the Skills Wheel as the benchmark for the sector

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Support Career Entry & Young Professionals by:

- Creating dedicated support for students and apprentices
- Establishing a Young Professionals Network (YPN)
- Developing structured pathways to achieve MIQ
- Establishing a Mentoring scheme for career development

Engage Members to:

- Share best practice through face to face and online forums globally
- Access structured support for members to achieve CEng
- Consult on, develop and shape new technical guidance for professionals
- Ensure members receive best value both in the UK and globally

Develop its Standards & Education by:

- Progressing its educational programmes to meet the needs of the industry globally
- Developing and growing the CPC & PRIME schemes
- Supporting organisations to embed the IQ membership pathway in apprenticeship & graduate schemes
- Embedding the Skills Wheel as the benchmark for competence & capability
- Collaborating with stakeholders to support and share the work of QNJAC