



CIBSE YEN IRELAND

Engineers reject spelling test but enjoy the quiz ...

The intelligentsia of the engineering world gathered again for what has turned out to be an annual event in the CIBSE YEN calendar – the Virtual Quiz.

This year CIBSE YEN Chair, Ryan Loney, co-hosted the event in partnership with ASHRAE YEA Chair, Conor Deane. Participants came from virtually everywhere – including James Byrne from Killybeggs in Co Donegal – to enjoy the Saint Patrick's themed occasion.



The format for the quiz was similar to last year's with 71 questions and a complex array of useless knowledge and basic engineering fundamentals, the latter of which again proved the more challenging.

The questions were multiple choice, following complaints last year that "it shouldn't be a spelling test", an aspect that young engineers seem to struggle [sic] with. Spot prizes were thrown in to make it a little more interesting with a number of bonus rounds.

The first bonus round followed the music rounds where each of the songs had a tenuous link to engineering. The participants were asked to insert song titles with engineering references in the title into the chat box. The winner by popular vote was Ross Byrne with Simon and Garfunkel's classic, "*Bridge over troubled water*".

Another bonus round was for best explanation for a project being over budget "It is what it is" ... a succinct and nonchalant excuse selected as the winner by popular vote. Gavin Coyne, clearly well accustomed to delivering such news to clients, took the prize.

The final bonus round was "best background" behind participants. We would love to say there was plenty to choose from but there simply wasn't! The Samuel L Jackson virtual background by Sean McManus of Davies was selected as the prize winner.

Now for the main prize – the overall winner was Sean Byrne who romped home in the CIBSE YEN/ASHRAE YEA Virtual Quiz 2021. This was a mere two days after he had started in the industry with Ethos Engineering. Congratulations Sean.

CIBSE YEN would like to thank all who participated in the event, and especially Professor Michael O'Flaherty of TU Dublin for his assistance (yet again) in setting up the software platform to host this multi-regional online event.

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Left: Sean Byrne, Ethos Engineering, who won the top prize in the CIBSE YEN Virtual Quiz.