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CIC North West Construction Challenge

The third annual CIC North West construction challenge took place at Bar 38 Manchester on 30th November. Twelve teams from across the region competed in this year's challenge which was to design and build a cantilever structure which would carry an increasing 'load' of 125mm nails positioned 450mm from the base of the structure. Available materials included plant sticks, string, elastic bands, wire and card.

JM Architects (winners of last years challenge) were runaway winners with 46 nails. A three way tie for second place on 25 nails meant that there had to be a further test and the eventual runners up were David McLean Group with Faithful & Gould a close third and Mouchel Parkman fourth.

Manchester branch of ICE were awarded the booby prize for a graceful but totally inadequate structure which only held 2 nails and the test bucket but gave great amusement to the audience.

Over 60 people attended the event.

Other teams included AMEC, Buro Happold, Faber Maunsell, UMIST and Scott Wilson.

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Notes to the Editor

1. CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.
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