

# introduction

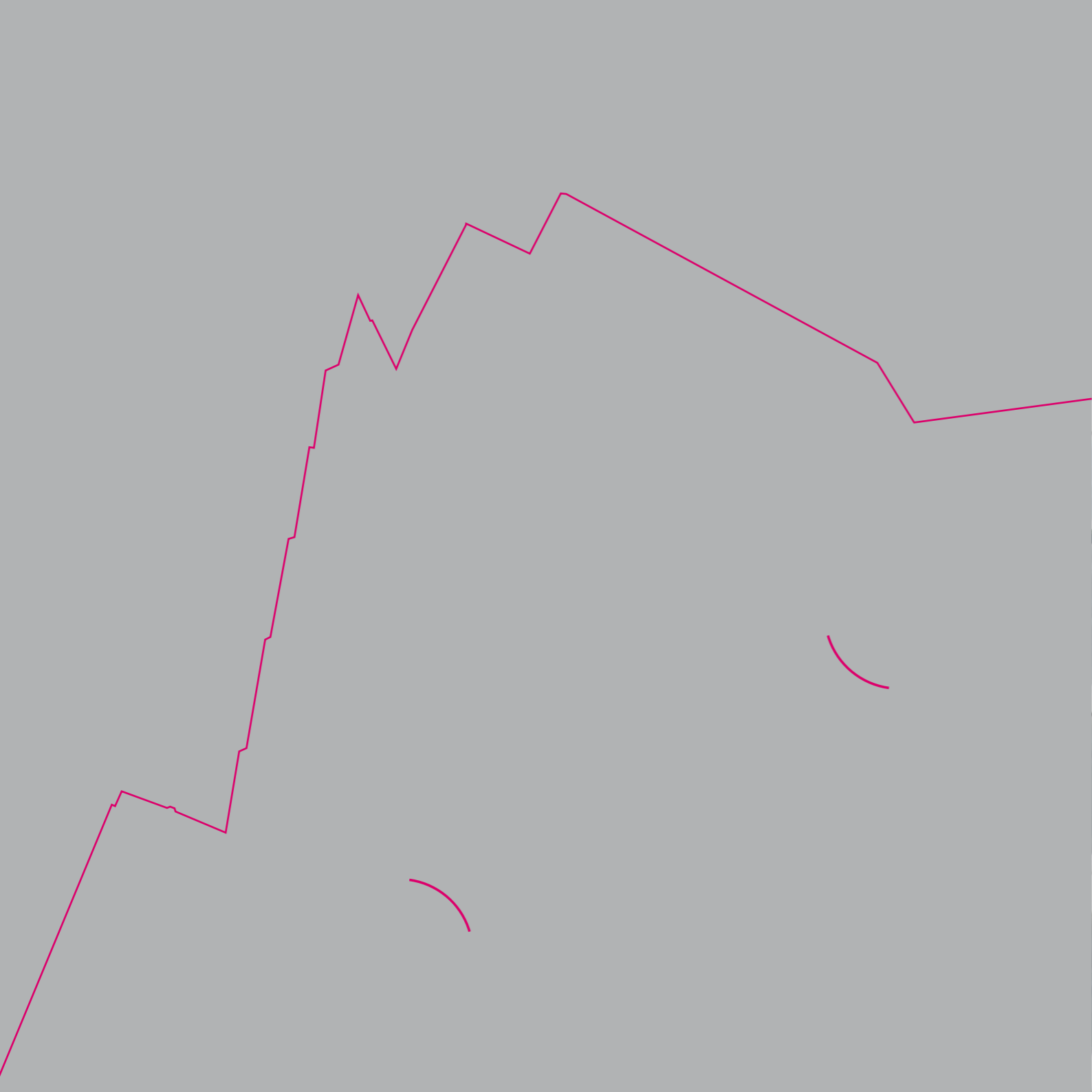
to the Institution


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The Institution of Structural Engineers is the world's largest professional body dedicated to structural engineering, having led the profession worldwide for over 100 years.

Committed to maintaining high standards, the Institution promotes safety, efficiency, sustainability and excellence in the work of its members. The members are qualified by assessment of their professional competence in structural engineering design and bound by the Institution's strict code of conduct. As a result, the Institution's members are recognised worldwide for their technical and professional expertise.

Supporting the industry is at the core of the work of the Institution, whether this is through its range of authoritative technical publications, its comprehensive programme of training courses, lectures and debates or services such as a bi-monthly journal and a comprehensive library.

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## to the Institution

The Institution's headquarters are situated in the heart of Belgravia in London. The building is home to the Institution's secretariat, its library, as well as a suite of conference rooms.

With members in over 100 countries, the Institution has developed a global network of branches, divisions and representatives supporting the membership.

One century down the line, we are still looking ahead, and our members continue to change the world.

# Membership

The Institution is recognised as the world's leading professional body for structural engineering.

Only the best thinkers, designers and innovators successfully meet our exacting entrance requirements. It's a tough journey, but it has to be.

Being a member of the Institution is an international passport to practice. Once accredited, a member can enjoy worldwide recognition as a structural engineer working at the highest level of technical and professional expertise. For many, the Institution is the preferred route to the top. Membership confirms competence as an engineer working to the highest standards in the world.

With members in 105 countries worldwide, membership includes an automatic introduction to a local branch or regional group, where members will be warmly welcomed. Local groups run their own programmes of events, and provide essential support and networking opportunities.

Our membership options encompass a wide range of grades from student to fellow, ensuring suitability for all levels of proficiency and the opportunity for continual career development.

Our membership department is the first port of call to talk about the best route to membership. Our staff are committed to supporting engineers along their journey from student member through all grades to becoming a Chartered Member or Fellow.

Our membership department will:

- confirm academic eligibility
- find the best route for each individual and help candidates to meet the requirements of the membership grade that is aspired to
- guide the candidate through the individual training requirements that need to be met
- provide support through the professional interview and exam.

Joining details for all grades of membership can be found at [www.istructe.org](http://www.istructe.org). Contact us at [membership@istructe.org](mailto:membership@istructe.org).

# Engineering expertise

The Institution undertakes a broad range of technical activities which keeps it at the forefront of worldwide structural engineering practice.

This ensures that structural engineers, wherever they are working, can have access to the most up-to-date thinking and guidance from within the profession. It also means that legislators and code drafting bodies regularly ask for comment and input from the Institution when developing building regulations, standards and codes of practice.

All the Institution's design advice undergoes a continual process of revision, research and reinvestigation, while technical meetings and courses ensure the latest developments and innovations in the structural engineering field are rigorously discussed.

# The Structural Engineer

All members receive a free copy of our leading international journal, *The Structural Engineer*.

- it keeps members in touch with the Institution, industry and professional developments including job opportunities
- each issue includes news and exclusive peer-reviewed technical papers
- the journal's portal on the Institution's website gives member-only access to the Institution's comprehensive archive of technical papers. With over a century's worth of leading thinking and research, the online archive is one of the most formidable technical knowledge resources for structural engineering in the world.



## Electronic newsletter

Regular briefings will keep you in touch with the latest developments across the Institution and industry.

## Technical meetings

Regular technical meetings are held worldwide. Visit [www.istructe.org](http://www.istructe.org) for events in a particular region, at our London headquarters, or to download recordings of the latest technical seminars.

## Technical publications

The Institution's technical publications provide essential, technical and regulatory information on basic structural design concepts through to design guidance, reports, manuals and codes including the latest developments in Eurocodes. Visit [www.istructe.org/publications](http://www.istructe.org/publications) for a full list of publications.

## Training courses

The Institution provides a comprehensive programme of courses designed for those working at all levels to expand and reinforce their structural engineering knowledge, debate the results of new research, and to shape the future direction of the profession.

The wide-ranging training supports the Institution's CPD and IPD schemes throughout the year and covers five broad areas of a structural engineer's professional development: technical, management, personal skills, engineers and law, and examination preparation. Visit [www.istructe.org/courses](http://www.istructe.org/courses) for more information.

## Technical meetings

Free to all, the meetings provide excellent networking opportunities and help members and others update their knowledge and understanding. The meetings are broad in ambition; encompassing debates on government policy, new design codes, the future of the profession, design of well known structures, use of materials and autobiographical lectures from high profile structural engineers.

# The library



The library is one of the world's definitive centres for structural engineering research and technical information.

Members enjoy free access to our well-stocked library, with its up-to-date collection of books, journals, reports, standards, and papers:

- loans to members
- same day loan service
- enquiry service and literature searches
- electronic dissemination of material
- support of two qualified librarians
- partnership library arrangements

## Findanengineer.com

Findanengineer.com is a comprehensive database of structural engineering practices across the UK that puts clients in touch with the best structural engineer for any project. Only firms that have at least one Institution member can register. Visit [www.findanengineer.com](http://www.findanengineer.com) for more information.

## Conference room hire

The Institution's headquarters in the heart of London's Belgravia, between Buckingham Palace and the stylish King's Road, is the ideal setting for an event. The three meeting rooms in this Grade II\* listed townhouse provide for a variety of occasions from evening dining and large conferences, to seminars and small meetings. From board meetings to formal dinners, a range of catering options are available to suit. The Institution also offers technical support with equipment available to hire.

# Recognition



## The Structural Awards

The Structural Awards celebrate the best in structural engineering worldwide.

Winning is a coveted distinction, the ultimate recognition of ability for professional structural engineers. Only members can enter their projects for consideration. Visit [www.structuralawards.org](http://www.structuralawards.org) for more information.

## Gold Medal

The Gold Medal is the Institution's highest individual award and is made for personal contributions to the advancement of structural engineering.

Winners of the medal are invited to present some of that knowledge to the wider membership at a Gold Medal Address. Previous winners of the Gold Medal include Ove Arup, Santiago Calatrava, Edmund Happold and John Burland.

