



# HOUSEKEEPING AWARDS

Rewarding the best  
housekeepers.

Enter online by Monday 19th January 2026.

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# WHAT IS IT?



We're back for a 15th year, recognising and rewarding your team and giving them the thanks they deserve! Our exciting, fun competition with interactive tasks and some great team building will continue in 2026 with individual and team competitions.

## HOW TO ENTER

There are two competitions this year:

**Housekeeping Team of the Year** - team competition judged by a surprise inspection of your premises.

**Housekeeper of the Year** - individual competition judged by an assessment day.

Individual entrants are required to attend the assessment day on 3rd February. It is completely free to enter and take part. The assessment day will be run from 9.30 am

and successful entrants in the morning will be shortlisted for further assessments in the afternoon.

Each team entrant will receive a visit from a professional housekeeping inspector. This inspector will score the cleanliness of bedrooms and public areas.

Members interested in taking part should complete the short online form available at [nihf.co.uk](http://nihf.co.uk) by Monday 19th January.

## CATEGORIES & SPONSORS

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### TEAM

Under 75 Rooms  
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### TEAM

75-149 Rooms  
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### TEAM

150 Rooms & over  
Sponsored by  
*Linencare*

### INDIVIDUAL

Housekeeper  
of the Year  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Individual Assessment Day

Room2 Hometel  
Tuesday 3rd February 2026  
9.30 am - 12.00 pm or 3.30 pm

### Awards Dinner

Hilton Belfast  
Wednesday 4th March 2026  
7.30 pm

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### CONGRATULATIONS

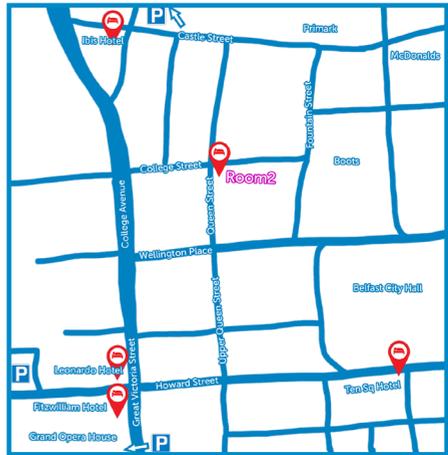
The last competition was won by Belmore Court & Motel, Titanic Hotel Belfast, Holiday Inn Belfast and Slieve Donard.

## ASSESSMENT DAY

This year's assessment day for individual entrants will take place in the Room2 Hometel in the centre of Belfast. The hotels is a two-minute walk from the City Hall at 32-36 Queen St, Belfast BT1 6EE.

## THE REWARDS

Each finalist, team or individual, will receive one free ticket to the Awards Dinner. The winners of each category will receive prizes including a trophy for the winning hotel to display. Entrants, finalists and winners will be featured in press and on social media.



## AWARDS DINNER

The winners will be announced at a special Awards Dinner on Wednesday 4th March in Hilton Belfast.

This glittering evening will include a drinks reception, 3-course dinner with wine and a DJ into the small hours.

Each finalist, team or individual, will receive one free ticket to this dinner and all hotels are encouraged to come along in support of their staff and colleagues.

Additional tickets will be sold at £90 plus VAT each or £75 plus VAT each for 6 or more.

# COMPETITION RULES

1. Applications are only accepted from hotels, guesthouses and guest accommodations that are Members of the Northern Ireland Hotels Federation.
2. Applications are invited from all housekeeping staff in permanent employment in a NIHF Member.
3. Only one team application and one individual application per premises.
4. All individual applicants must be at least 18 years old on 3rd February 2026.
5. An assessment day will take place on Tuesday 3rd February and individual applicants must attend on this day.
6. The Federation reserves the right to shortlist entrants at any time to ensure the smooth running of the competition. This may include additional assessments or processes not mentioned in this literature.
7. Entrants must agree to abide by these and any other rules of the competition and to any publicity as a result of their entry.
8. Winners must not engage in promotion of their win without prior consent of NIHF.
9. The Judges' decision will be final.
10. Prizes are as stated. Where unavailable we reserve the right to provide an alternative.
11. The trophy/certificate remains the property of the premises.
12. Closing date for applications is 19th January 2026.

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The competition is organised by the Northern Ireland Hotels Federation. All queries should be sent to the address below.

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