



# Cofely Champions Awards Evening

**Venue: Council House, Birmingham**

**Number of Guests: 106**

**Organiser: Venues & Events International**

**Date: 21 January, 2016**

**Client: ENGIE (formerly, Cofely GDF SUEZ)**



# Objectives



Energy and services provider, Cofely GDF SUEZ has recently been through a huge transition in the UK as part of an extensive rebrand and integration into the global ENGIE Group. The Group is now one of the UK's largest international employers with 20,000 staff and generated revenues of £3.7 billion in 2014. In order to recognise employee achievements and make them feel special during this time of transition, ENGIE's Head of Human Resources Stephen Baker, called upon Venues and Events International to stage an awards evening for all 56 Gold achievers from Cofely's various reward and recognition programmes during the past year, together with their guests.



# Solution

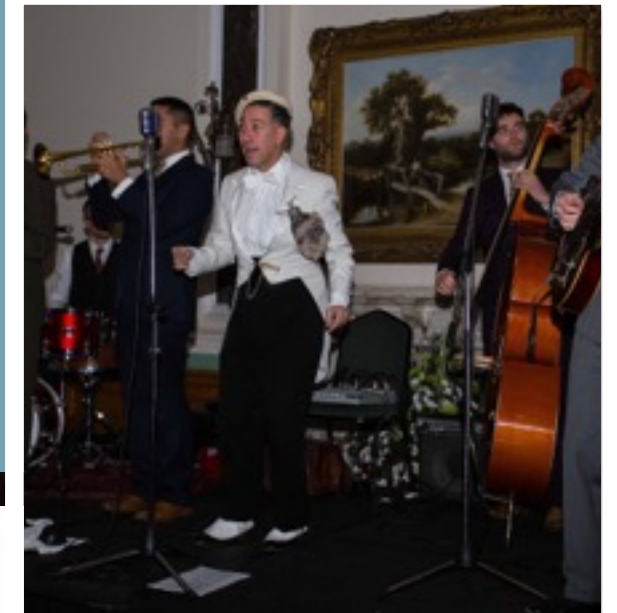


Venues and Events International was asked to source suitable venues in both Birmingham and Manchester. The elegant Banqueting Suite at Council House, Birmingham was chosen due to its ideal size, splendour and adjoining reception and dinner rooms.

“Also, we actually own the contract to heat the venue so it seemed a perfect brand fit and suited our requirements,” ENGIE’s Baker says.

Guests began arriving from 4pm and were treated to a drinks and canapé reception with entertainment from magician, Dan Farrant, silhouette artist, Oliver Curtis and acoustic trio Wandering Hands, all supplied by Sternberg Clarke. At 6pm guests were shown through to the dining room, which was beautifully lit by AV supplier, Showman UK.

Speeches from ENGIE’s new UK Chief Executive Wilfrid Petrie and HR Director, Rosanna Longobardi were followed by two awards for ‘Going the Extra Mile’ and ‘Zero Harm’. Guests then enjoyed their starters and main course before the awards recommenced with the ‘Customer / Client Satisfaction’ accolade and the ‘Living Our Values’ award. After dessert, the ‘Team of the Year 2015’ was announced before guests were treated to entertainment from jazz band, Natty Congeroo and the Flames of Rhythm.





## Verdict

### Head of Human Resources Stephen Baker

“I’ve used Venues and Events International for several years now in its various guises so I’m always confident they’ll deliver an exceptional event in a venue that matches my brief. Once again, they didn’t let me down. It was fantastic that the whole of the new UK ENGIE board were in attendance and could see what a great job they did. Both staff and board had a great night and the feedback has been superb.”

