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### Construction Rocks the German Gym

Construction did indeed rock at last night's Construction Rocks battle of the industry bands which raised over £4500 for charity.

Last year's winners, WSP's Wild Sex Party, opened the event at Argent's German Gymnasium on the Kings Cross development site but in the end, had to hand over the title to Arup band The Ovatones. Runner up for best performance was Rolfe Judd The Lost Profits while Best Newcomer went to the well-dressed Cyril Sonics of Cyril Sweett.

Now in its second year, Construction Rocks is a charity event that aims to recognise and encourage our industry's hidden talent with some healthy competition and a lot of fun.

Bill Price of WSP, who organised the event alongside Nigel Fraser of BAA, was particularly impressed by the quality of the bands this year: "I can definitely say that the performances were of a much higher standard than last year – there really were some talented musicians up on that stage."

MC Gary Ireland may have tried to steal the show with his witty banter and attempt to convince the capacity 350 strong crowd that he was in fact WSP CEO Chris Cole, but it was the panel of industry judges - Graham Ashberry (Bovis), Chris Neeves (MLM Consulting Engineers) and Nick Edwards (Construction News magazine) - that had the last say.

The event was made possible thanks to sponsorship from Argent, Arup, BAA, Costain, GHA Group, JBL Professional, Lend Lease, LMC, Sound Technology and WSP. All proceeds from the event are being donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital, Help the Aged and SportsAid.

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