And Our Women's Awards 2026 Winners Are...!

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Women's Awards 2026 Conference and Ceremony

Dear Sandra



Our tenth year of the Women's Awards saw a record response to our call for nominations. For the first time, through our new National category, nominations were open to women from across the UK, which welcomed even more women into our community.

We received **245 nominations** this year, taking our total to more than 1,000 over the past decade. Each one tells a story of courage, leadership and commitment to others. Choosing our winners was no easy task, and we are proud of every woman who made the shortlist.



We give a huge thanks and appreciation to our 16 member strong Judges Panel, whose task it was to work through the shortlist of 70 to arrive at our Winners.

We were delighted to announce the winners of The Women's Awards 2026 at this year's Day Conference and Presentation, on Friday 30th October. These are women whose achievements show what is possible, and who will help shape the next decade of impact in their communities, workplaces and beyond.

Congratulations to you all.

Women's Awards 2026 Winners

Region	Category	Winner	Sponsor
National	Outstanding Woman in Art, Media & Music	Qaisra Shahraz MBE FRSA	Creative Direction
Midlands	Outstanding Woman with Community Impact	Lianne Kirkman	Shine Together CIC
Midlands	Outstanding Female Disability Awareness Champion	Charis Hawkley	Open Mind Training & Development Ltd
National	Outstanding Female Disability Awareness Champion	Helen Brewster	Open Mind Training & Development Ltd
Midlands	Outstanding Woman in Education	Adele Tilley-Jones	Transformations Ltd
National	Outstanding Woman in Education	Wunmi Adebowale	Transformations Ltd

Midlands	Outstanding Female Entrepreneur	Olivia Mendoza	Open Mind Training & Development Ltd
National	Outstanding Female Entrepreneur	Lucie Macleod	Open Mind Training & Development Ltd
Midlands	Outstanding Female Leader of the Global Majority	Mezmin Malida	Shine Together CIC
National	Outstanding Female Leader of the Global Majority	Elham Fardad	Shine Together CIC
National	Outstanding Woman in Hospitality	Rachel Thomson	LBC Mentoring
Midlands	Outstanding Woman in Professional Services	Parvien Akhtar	Afsar Williams
National	Outstanding Woman in Professional Services	Dr. Charlotte Proudman	Afsar Williams
National	Outstanding Woman in Public Services	Dilys Sillah	Sandra Pollock OBE

National	Outstanding Senior Female Executive	Debbie Airey	Creative Direction
Midlands	Outstanding Woman in S.T.E.M.	Leya Luhar	LBC Mentoring
National	Outstanding Woman in S.T.E.M.	Anupama Hatti	LBC Mentoring
Midlands	Midlands Inspirational Female Leader	Lianne Kirkman	Debbie Moore Coaching & David Hayes Exports Controls
National	National Inspirational Female Leader	Dilys Sillah	Debbie Moore Coaching & David Hayes Exports Controls

Read more about this year's Women's Awards Day-Conference and Presentation





Kind regards

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