



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DigitalAgenda Announces Impact Awards Winners 2019**

*The 3rd Annual DigitalAgenda Impact Awards took place in London yesterday, and once again highlighted the latest champions of Tech for Good across the UK.*

The DigitalAgenda Impact Awards celebrate technological innovations that improve people's lives and the world around us.

Now in their third year, the awards are open to any UK-operating business, government department or non-profit using digital products or services for positive social impact. The 36 finalists were chosen out of 300 nominees from across the UK who are leading the way in digital transformation in all sectors.

Hosted by BBC Breakfast's Naga Munchetty, speakers included: Digital Minister, Margot James MP; CEO of the National Lottery Community Fund, Dawn Austwick; and the BBC's Head of Children's Safety, Catherine McAllister.

Sponsors included, headline sponsor Nominet, Government partner, Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) and Content Partner UCL Grand Challenges.

Winners this year included: Sherry Coutu's Workfinder in the Employment & Skills Category; Edinburgh-based Euan's Guide for Diversity, Karen Dolva's No Isolation's AV1 robot avatar in the Education Category, The Diana Award's Be Strong Online Ambassadors Programme in the Safety Category; and 360 Giving in the Business Category. There is a full list of winners below.

In addition, the Individual Impact Award this year went to Founder of Cast, Annika Small OBE; and the People's Choice Award - a prize based on almost 7,000 public votes - went to Shared Economy Category finalist "BorrowMyDoggy".

DigitalAgenda Director Rachel Neaman said "What makes this event particularly exciting is that it's more than just another awards ceremony. The finalists themselves

don't simply receive an award. Instead, today marks the start of a year of support during which the finalists receive membership of the Digital Agenda Network - [digitalagenda.io/network](https://digitalagenda.io/network) - and access to a series of seminars exploring key areas including: tech solutions; securing talent; cyber security; and investment advice.

Russell Haworth CEO of our headline sponsor Nominet said "At Nominet, we want a world that is more connected, inclusive and secure – our three streams of focus – and believe that technology has a fundamental and positive part to play to achieve those goals. We'd like to congratulate all of the organisations shortlisted for their many achievements."

Previous winners include industry giants such as: Tom Steinberg, Professor Sue Black, Tim Smith and Bethnal Green Ventures.

The 300 nominees went through two rounds of judging: first, a judging panel of industry experts shortlisted the entrants to three finalists in each category. Then, the Jury decided on the ultimate winners.

This year's **Jury** was made up of:

**Mike Bracken**, Public Digital

**Justin Cooke**, Unicef

**Jacqueline de Rojas CBE**, Digital Leaders

**Gi Fernando**, Freeformers

**Priya Guha**, Merian Ventures

**Russell Haworth**, Nominet

**Eve Joseph**, Microsoft

**Faiza Khan MBE**, Paul Hamlyn Foundation

**Sofia Olhede**, University College London

**Olivia Sibony**, SeedTribe

**Andy Shields**, DCMS

**Jess Tyrrell**, Digital Advisor

**Our 12 Category Winners were:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Category Winner</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Diversity	Euan's Guide	BCS: The Chartered Institute for IT
Education	No Isolation's AV1 Telepresence Avatar	Enonic
Employment & Skills	Workfinder	Barclays
Health	NHS 111 Online	Bates Wells Braithwaite
Connected Cities	Char.gy	Here East
Social Transformation	Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service: The Divorce Project	The National Lottery Community Fund
Sustainable Living	Winnow	Northumbria Water Group
Safety	Be Strong Online Ambassadors	BBC
Financial Inclusion	Salary Finance	Lloyds Banking Group
Sharing Economy	LiftShare	Digital Leaders
Investment	Abundance Investment	ClearlySo
Business Transformation	360 Giving	HSBC UK

**Special Category Winners**

Individual Impact Award	Annika Small OBE	Nominet
People's Choice Award	BorrowMyDoggy	Charity Digital News

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## **About the Impact Awards**

The DigitalAgenda Impact Awards celebrate digital innovations that improve people's lives and the world around us. They are open to any business, government department or non-profit using digital products or services for positive social or environmental benefit. The awards are grouped into three themes (People, Society and Business) and are open across 12 categories.

The Impact Awards event is not your usual black-tie-and-table awards ceremony. Our fresh and tested format offers an engaging blend of conference and awards, building in time for guests to connect with each other.

## **About DigitalAgenda**

We share ideas that look to make the world a better place, and work to connect good ideas to good money. We also cover the digital downsides, asking questions about the impact of technology on issues like wellbeing, privacy, power and future jobs. These are the unintended negative consequences of the digital age.

Our online and live content highlights innovation, reports trends and explains the difference that technology makes to our lives. Our events connect people face-to-face from our network of digital professionals – at our annual Impact Awards, conferences and other exciting events.

We're building a community of founders, startups, innovators, investors, policymakers and academics in the UK and internationally. Our network is made up of small and large businesses, government, non-profits and universities – giving us a broad and unique perspective from across sectors.

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