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Creative Diversity Network Awards 2019 - now open for entries

The Creative Diversity Network (CDN) today launched a call for entries for its 2019 UK Television Diversity Awards. The awards are held every two years to reward outstanding quality, creativity and diversity in television that represents all aspects of British society.

Through its awards the Creative Diversity Network recognises industry stakeholders who are leading the way in driving change across broadcasting around all aspects of our diverse society covering age, body image, disability, ethnicity, faith, gender, gender identity, regionality, sexuality and social class.

The piece of work, technology, organisation or person nominated must have been operating in the UK between **30th November 2016 and 30th November 2018**, and related to terrestrial, cable, satellite or digital channels and platforms.

Entries are free and can be submitted from today through the dedicated [CDN awards website](#), which includes further information on entry eligibility, submission requirements, and judging criteria. **The deadline for entries is: 23:59 on July 31st 2019.**

The awards ceremony will be held in London on Wednesday 9th October 2019.

Deborah Williams, CDN Executive Director said: “Television has an incredibly powerful and important role to play in reflecting society. Diversity clearly makes business sense for the UK’s production and broadcast sector – it ensures that we continue to be world-leaders in an increasingly competitive, international market. These awards are designed to celebrate those who’ve done most to ensure the UK’s television sector is the very best it can be”.

This year’s categories are:

- **Production Company of the Year**
Celebrating a Production Company’s commitment to producing diverse content.
- **Broadcaster of the Year**
Celebrating a Broadcaster’s active, demonstrable engagement with the diversity agenda.
- **Disrupter**
Celebrating a piece of work that disrupts the way the industry views or tackles an issue.
- **Unsung Hero**
Rewarding the efforts of an employee who has gone above and beyond to champion diversity or enable accessible working environments.
- **Commissioning**
Celebrating a commission that has brought positive and authentic attention to a diverse community.
- **Off-screen Recruitment, Training & Development**
Championing innovation in the provision of reasonable adjustments networks or training programmes.



- **Advocate in Industry**
Recognising a person(s) for their work championing one of the protected characteristic communities within the Broadcast industry through appearance at events, written, visual or audio work.
- **Digital Technology**
Employment of technology that has made a programme or access to programmes more every day.
- **Partnership**
Celebrating a project partner that has supported one of the members in the delivery of diversity or inclusion related work and working environments.

In addition, CDN will select and present two special awards:

- **Uber Ally**
An award for outstanding support of the Creative Diversity Network and its agenda.
- **Outstanding Contribution**
An award for an outward facing leader who has foregrounded diversity.

Winners of the 2017 CDN awards included: *Chewing Gum*, *Damilola*, *Our Loved Boy*, *The Last Leg: Live From Rio*, *Unreported World*. *Mission Critical: Afghanistan*, BBC Children's In-House Production, Levi David Addai, Damian Kavanagh and Michaela Coel.

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The Creative Diversity Network (CDN) exists to inspire, encourage and support the UK television industry to expand diversity and inclusion. It is a UK television industry body, largely paid for by its members who are: BAFTA, BBC, Channel 4, Channel 5/Viacom, Creative Skillset, Pact, ITN, ITV, Media Trust, S4C, Sky and Turner Broadcasting.