

### **ENTRY GUIDE** Entry deadline 6 October 2023

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## **ABOUT THE AWARDS**

The Corporate Content Awards is the only awards event to benchmark corporate storytelling and the use of narrative to all corporate audiences, across owned, earned and bought media.

The Corporate Content Awards celebrates the best in creative content, corporate storytelling and communications from across the globe. The awards event will recognise the role content plays in business objectives.



## WHY ENTER

#### Stand out

Entering and winning an award can provide a platform through which to acquire visibility outside your network, promote your latest project to new audiences, and gain differential.

#### **Receive valuable insights**

Entries will be judged by a panel of corporate communications experts against a particular criterion. This is a chance to receive powerful feedback on your work so that you can evaluate and improve.

#### **Celebrate excellence**

Entrants develop a new benchmark each year, encouraging the corporate communications community to continually advance the standard of their work and recognise internal teams.





## **KEY DATES**

Early entry deadline\* **18 August 2023** 

Entry deadline

# 6 October 2023

Late entry deadline\* **20 October 2023** 

### FEES

You can choose to pay in GBP or USD

**£320 or \$395** for the first entry from each organisation or submitting body

**£195 or \$195** for each subsequent entry from each organisation or submitting body

**£195 or \$195** for any entry from or on behalf of a charity, NGO or NFP organisation

\*Magazine subscribers: Enter by 18 August 2023 to receive £150/\$150 off your total entry cost. You can also secure a further discount of your fifth entry for free. Subscribe to Communicate magazine *here* to take advantage of this exclusive rate.

Non magazine subscribers: Enter by 18 August 2023 to receive  $\pm 100/\$100$  off your total entry cost.

\*\*A late entry surcharge of £125/\$125 will be applied to each entry submitted after 6 October 2023. No entries will be accepted after 20 October 2023.

For more information about fees and payment click here

## CATEGORIES

Best content campaign to assist with corporate positioning

Best content campaign to assist with reputation management

Best content targeted to the CSR community

Best content targeted to the internal audience

Best content targeted to the investor audience

Best purpose-driven content

Best use of video

Best use of digital

Best use of print

Best use of audio and podcasts

Best use of a visual property

Best use of mobile and/or app

Best use of a celebrity or influencer Best copy style and/or tone of voice Best corporate blog Best content-driven brand created community Best use of content with an existing external community

Best user-generated content (employee)

Best user-generated content (external stakeholder)

Best use of content in a live or experiential setting

Most creative use of owned media channels

Best branded content publication

Best branded content site

#### Best use of data

Best interactive content Best use of content on social media Best one-off content campaign Best long-term use of content

The categories below cannot be entered. Judges will decide the winner of these categories based on those submissions that have stood out from other categories:

Best corporate storyteller

Grand prix

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# WRITING YOUR ENTRY

There are no boundaries on the design, branding or format of the entry. The submission can be formatted portrait or landscape. Feel free to include the Corporate Content Awards branding. Judges often prefer entries that don't have too much text on one page as it makes them easier to read.

The most successful entries have a clear narrative. They include details of why the work was carried out, how the strategy was developed and implemented. Judges want to see how the results link back to the objective. Please ensure that your entry includes metrics and tangible results.

To enter the Corporate Content Awards, please prepare a single PDF document including your:

- 1. Entry summary (300 words)
- 2. Entry statement (700 words)

3. Supporting materials (written supporting materials do not contribute towards the word count)

Please ensure your file is no larger than 10MB.







# WRITING YOUR ENTRY

### **1. ENTRY SUMMARY**

Provide a short summary of 300 words.

Please include the following:

- Entry synopsis a short summary of the project or campaign
- Category entered and why the work fits into that category
- Industry context what is the company's place within the market?
- Budget (optional please mark confidential where necessary)

NB: We advise that the submission includes a guide on the project brief, budget and time frame to help put the project into context for the judges.

### **2. ENTRY STATEMENT**

Write an entry statement of up to 700 words.

The statement should cover the objective, research and planning, creativity and innovation, strategy and implementation and results.

On the next page we have listed some points on how to expand on each. This is a guide to help you craft your entries. Please feel free to expand further on these areas which the judges will evaluate.

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### HOW TO MAKE YOUR ENTRY SUCCESSFUL

#### OBJECTIVE

- What were the objectives?
- Why were the objectives necessary?
- What prompted the project/campaign to be carried out?
- What were the goals/targets?
- What did you want to achieve?
- What was brief how did you approach it and meet it?

#### **RESEARCH AND PLANNING**

- What research was conducted?
- Who were the target auidence?
- How did it represent the target audience?
- Did the research expose any problems or additional challenges?
- Were changes needed to meet the objectives?

#### STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION

- How was the research incorporated into the strategy?
- How did the project reach its target audience?
- How was the strategy implemented?
- Were there any unexpected problems or unforeseen circumstances?

#### **CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION**

- What made the work stand out?
- How did the project/campaign creatively engage with the target audience?
- Were there any creative restrictions?
- How did you get around them?
- How was the project innovative?
- Was there any thing new, different or innovative about the way your work was created or delivered? Perhaps it was innovative in your organisation or industry.

#### RESULTS

Our judges focus on strong results. Please consider the following points to assist you in demonstrating your success.

- How did you meet your objectives?
- How did you measure the results?
- Is there any evidence to support the outcomes?
- Do you have tangible results you can share?
- Were there any unexpected outcomes?
- What impact did the project have on the audience?
- Was there a 'Call to action' and was it met?
- Was there a clear ROI? (optional)
- How was the project received internally (if you're a creative agency this question is meant in terms of the client). Judges appreciate it but often want more than anecdotal results.

NB: The judges often ask for evidence of how the goals were met. The best entries include the ROI and ROO. Statistical data can be included in the supporting materials.

# WRITING YOUR ENTRY

### **3. SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

Please include a selection of supporting materials that strengthen your entry by providing evidence of your achievements. Materials should illustrate your work and aid the narrative of your entry statement. It is best to include only those materials that are directly relevant to the specific category.

- Images illustrating the project or campaign
- Press coverage (up to five examples)
- Social coverage (up to five examples)
- Video (up to three minutes, please include a link rather than embedding the file)
- Any relevant statistics (optional)
- Client feedback
- Testimonials

NB: Videos can be more than three minutes long if submitting for the 'Best use of video.' We do not accept video files, so please provide links and log in details if necessary. Please ensure there are no expiration dates on video links.





## FAQs

#### What is the time frame for eligible work? Can I enter work from last year?

The time frame for eligible work is ordinarily 18 months prior to the final deadline. Please refer to the eligibility and rules section on the Corporate Content Awards *website* for more details and specific dates.

### Can I enter more than one category? If so, do I need to submit more than one PDF?

There is no limit to the number of categories that can be entered. If multiple categories are being entered, multiple PDFs must be submitted. As our entry form only allows one PDF to be entered at a time, you will need to go back and resubmit the form, making sure to change the category field. Although not compulsory, we strongly recommend tailoring each submission according to the category being entered.

### I'm not sure which category to enter. How shall I decide?

If you are struggling to categorise your project, please email Sarah at sarah.murphy@communicatemagazine.co.uk

### How can I ensure that budgets disclosed on the entry will remain confidential?

Don't worry – as long as you clearly mark the entry where relevant letting us know that you do not wish information on certain budgets (or any other information) to be shared, we will ensure that all such information is kept strictly confidential.

#### Is it ok if the word count is exceeded?

The word count is set as a guide, and exceeding it slightly will not be penalised. However, considering the volume of materials read by the judges, a more concise and collected approach to ensure your entry stands out is advised.

#### How should I include my supporting materials?

All supporting materials should be included within the document. Please hyperlink your videos in your PDF entry, rather than embedding the video. Embedded videos can often increase the size of your entry above the 10MB limit. Besides the supporting materials included within your entry, no other separate materials are required.

## FAQs

#### On the 'Enter now' section of the website, what is the difference between the fields 'company' and 'entering company?'

Often, agencies enter their clients into our awards (i.e. company = agency, entering company = client). If this does not apply to you and you are entering independently, simply fill in both fields with your company name.

#### Can previous entries be sent to potential entrants?

As per our rules section on the Corporate Content Awards *website*, we cannot send out previous entries as they may contain sensitive and/or confidential material and figures that cannot be disclosed.

#### Is there a cost to enter?

Yes. Rates are available on the *Fees & Payments page* on the Corporate Content Awards website. There are also discount rates available for charities and an early entry discount for those who enter before a certain date.

#### Why won't my entry send?

Please ensure that the document format is PDF. If you are receiving an error message telling you that supporting materials are required, you have exceeded the 10MB size limit. If your entry is within the size limit but you are still receiving that error message, contact our office on +44 (0)20 3950 5356.

#### How do I pay for my entries?

After you submit your entry, you will be prompted to pay online in GBP. If you wish to pay in USD, the events teams will be in touch with an invoice. If an alternative payment method is preferred, please contact our office on +44 (0)20 3950 5356, where one of our team can explain other payment options.

#### Can't find the answer to your question?

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CEA The Corporate Engagement Awards

The Corporate Engagement Awards recognises the most successful and innovative corporate partnerships and sponsorships, and the communication strategies around those collaborations.



The Corporate & Financial Awards programme celebrates and showcases excellence in financial communications and provides recognition for the efforts of staff, companies, agencies and beneficiaries.



The DataComms Awards recognises and celebrates the use of data in corporate communications and by corporate communicators.



The Digital Impact Awards sets the industry-wide benchmark in digital stakeholder engagement. The event honours the best corporate digital communications work.



The Employer Brand Management Awards programme compares and contrasts the different aspects of successful employer branding, rewarding excellence and celebrating the campaigns and the organisations that are excelling in this field.



The Internal Communications and Engagement Awards recognises and rewards excellence in internal communications.



The Lens Awards celebrates organisations using film and video by setting the standard for excellence in visual communications.

### **ENTER HERE**

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Good luck!