

Irish Internet Association

Rules and Criteria for the Irish Internet Association Net Visionary Awards 2016

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Award Rules

The IIA Dot IE Net Visionary Awards are open for any business entity or professional based in Ireland to enter.

There is no cost to enter these awards.

Timelines in relation to entry dates will be strictly enforced by the board of the IIA and managed by CEO of the IIA.

Only fully completed entry forms will be submitted to the judges for adjudication.

You may nominate your own business for these awards.

If you wish to nominate another business for these awards, you must provide the contact details for that nominated company and they must accept that nomination and complete the nomination form.

All award nominees must be over the age of 18 on or before the night of the awards.

All entry forms will be submitted to the relevant judges for that category. They will be scored by the relevant judge for that category and then reviewed by the collective judging panel at the final judges meeting. The judging panel decision is final.

Once Shortlisted

Shortlisted nominees must be in compliance with the rules of the awards, otherwise they (the nominee) may be disqualified.

The IIA Judging Panel will judge the valid nominees, against the qualification criteria for that category, and produce a shortlist of nominees per category.

The CEO of the IIA appoints the judging panel. The judging panel will be drawn for industry experts and IIA members.

Once the shortlist has been agreed, the shortlist is published on the IIA website. A number of categories will be open for public vote. The public vote will be open for a strict period of time as per the times and dates as published on the Awards website. This may be extended by the IIA at its discretion in exceptional circumstances.

Open Voting Procedure

Those nominees who have made the shortlist for a category that is subject to a public vote will adhere to the following procedures.

The voting procedure will be as follows:

Anyone may vote by completing the required details on the IIA Net Visionary Voting Page.

Canvassing for votes by shortlisted nominees is encouraged. **However shortlisted nominees who offer prizes, gratuities, or any other form of recompense for votes will be eliminated.**

Details required are Voting Person's (a) full name, (b) valid email address and (c) company or organisation.

Only one vote per person will be counted (per award category) with a maximum of three voters from any one company or organisation (per award category).

Only the first three votes received from the Company or Organisation will be counted.

The winner of each category is decided by the weighted COMBINED TOTAL SCORE of the ranked order points from the public vote AND the ranked order points of the judges.

In the event of a tie the IIA Judging Panel will make the final decision.

OVERALL NET VISIONARY WINNER - this will be decided by the IIA Board who will themselves propose and vote upon the overall Net Visionary Winner. The counting of votes is independently audited to ensure that they comply with the criteria and rules above.

If you have any queries on the rules please email members@iia.ie

Judging Panel Composition

The panel of judges will be comprised of experts from industry.

The number of judges will depend on the number and nature of categories in any year.

There will be one member of the board on the judging panel every year.

At least three judges will come from IIA member companies.

The balance of the judging panel will subject matter experts that pertain to the award categories. Sponsors of an award category often have expertise in that category. In that case, the judge of that category may come from the sponsor.

The CEO of the IIA will preside over the judging process but will not have a vote.

The judges will finalise the shortlist based on an assessment of the nominees against a set of criteria for each of the categories and the final shortlist will be made up of the top four/five highest ranking nominees. The cut off point for shortlisting will be at the discretion of the judging panel.

Any judge aligned to a shortlisted company will make this known to the panel and absent themselves from the decision relating to that entry.

In the event of any unresolved dispute arising within the judging panel, the Board of the IIA will make the final decisions.

AND FINALLY.....

In advance of the awards as you consider how many tickets to purchase, please DO NOT ASK IF YOU HAVE WON. WE WILL NOT TELL YOU! We would love you to be there on the night. If you win and you are not there, you will still have won. Your winning is not contingent upon buying tickets. SO SERIOUSLY, DO NOT ASK. WE WILL NOT TELL YOU! Our awards are a great party. They are a celebration of all that is good and fun and exciting in the industry. We'd love to see you there.