SHORTLISTED FOR CHARTERED MANAGER OF **THE YEAR 2020**

WITH HONOURABLE MENTION



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"This accolade demonstrates a real commitment to wanting to be the best leader that I can be, regardless of the role I am in.

I have been in leadership roles for many years now, but I am still ambitious and believe that you never stop learning. I am also committed to others' continuing personal and professional development. Leading by example felt appropriate.

This qualification can only improve future career prospects. However, this wasn't the key driver for undertaking it. I would like to think I am adding value to my organisation, who have been great in their support and sponsorship.

I took the qualified route to become Chartered. Having already been invited to become a Companion, there was arguably no need to demonstrate further leadership capability. However, I've always believed that learning is a lifelong journey and I am very happy to still be on that journey.

If I could give my younger self some advice... I would say learn from leaders that you admire, commit to continuing professional development and make sure that you are authentic, transparent and honest in everything vou do."

Dalton Leong is the Chief Executive of The Children's Trust - the UK's leading charity for children with brain injury and neurodisability. Dalton really enjoyed being able to revisit leadership theories and reflect on his success to date, explaining that "what I liked was the emphasis on how I lead, not just what I've achieved. Behaviours, values and ethical leadership came to the fore as crucial qualities. I've always been a great believer in these traits being more important than just achieving outcomes at all costs."

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Chartered Manager of the Year award recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements and contribution Chartered Managers bring to their workplace and to their own personal development.





