



CMI Awards of Excellence 2025

Volunteer of the Year



Nomination Guidance Document

CMI's 2025 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Nominations for our CMI's 2025 Awards of Excellence are now open. Use this document to bring your submission information together, you can then submit this information using the online nomination form.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

To spread the message of the value of high-quality management and leadership, CMI works with individual, inspirational volunteers. This award recognises volunteers who actively contribute to CMI activities (ie, as part of CMI committees), embody CMI's values and who help us to realise our vision of better led and managed organisations around the world.

WHY ENTER THIS AWARD?

You can nominate yourself or someone else for this award. Either way, you'll be giving a platform to an individual who furthers the cause of great management and leadership. The shortlist and winner will be announced at the CMI President's Dinner; be celebrated throughout the year across CMI channels; and have the opportunity to share insights and experiences with the wider management community.

KEY CRITERIA

We want to recognise people committed to the cause of good management and leadership – and who live this through their voluntary activity. Candidates will need to show commitment, enthusiasm, dedication, leadership and impact – and be clearly aligned to CMI's mission of increasing the number and standard of professionally qualified managers and leaders.

ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible to participate in the award (as a nominator or a nominee), you must be a current CMI or IC member.
2. In addition, to be eligible to participate in the award (as a nominator or a nominee), you must be a current volunteer member of one of the following CMI volunteer communities (or have been a volunteer member for at least 6 months between 1st May 2024 - 1st April 2025):
 - UK Regional & Devolved Nation Boards
 - International Regional Boards - Hong Kong; Malaysia; Sri Lanka; Singapore
 - Board of Companions
 - CMI Women Advisory Committee
 - IC Advisory Committee
 - Everyone Economy Advisory Committee
 - ChMC Oversight Board
3. Only volunteer members from the above listed volunteer communities can nominate or be nominated.
4. Members can self-nominate, but must include a referee who is also (i) a CMI or IC member, and (ii) a volunteer member from one of the above listed volunteer communities.
5. The activity that the volunteer is being nominated for should have taken place between 1st May 2024 and 1st April 2025.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The overall winner will be selected by CMI's panel of judges from the shortlisted entries.
2. Only one overall winner will be awarded.
3. The shortlist will feature a minimum of four nominees and will be announced in early 2026.
4. The overall winner of the CMI Volunteer of the Year Award will be selected from the shortlist and will be announced at an Awards ceremony in Spring 2025.. Shortlisted entrants should be available to attend the ceremony.
5. The winner of the CMI Volunteer of the Year Award will receive a trophy and certificate. These will be presented at the ceremony in Spring 2025.
6. CMI reserves the right to engage with the individual and CMI Board concerned to jointly promote the CMI Volunteer of the Year Award and the activities of both the individual and CMI.
7. The winner agrees to work with CMI to jointly promote the CMI Volunteer of the Year Award and the activities of both the individual and CMI.

CMI'S MISSION, VALUES, VISION & PROFESSIONAL STANDARD

CMI's mission is to increase the number and standard of professionally qualified managers and leaders. Our values are "professional, progressive, practical and passionate". Our vision is a world of better led and managed organisations. The [CMI Professional Standard](#) encourages "personal effectiveness, interpersonal excellence, organisational performance and being an ethical and inclusive leader". We're looking for candidates who, in different ways, embody and live up to these.

ENTRY FORM GUIDANCE

About you (or your nominee)

Name

Volunteer community

Volunteer role

Email

Phone number

Tell us a bit about yourself/your nominee and your connection to CMI, focusing on volunteer activity in the past 12–24 months. Activity might include organising and delivering events; social media output and engagement; amplifying CMI's thought leadership; participating in CMI content; inputting to CMI policy; engaging with external stakeholders. (<500 words)

Alignment to CMI's mission and values

Try to describe how, in their outlook and activity, the nominee embodies CMI's values and furthers CMI's mission? (<300 words)

Guidance: see CMI's mission, values, vision and Professional Standard notes above.

Impact

Please describe the objectives that the nominee has set for their activity and impact that the nominee's activity is having. (<500 words)

Guidance: impact might include awareness of CMI, delivering events/event attendance, visibility of CMI's brand, embedding employability and wellbeing into the HE offer; reaching more potential members; increasing the conversion/scale ChMC Awards". If possible, please include any testimonials.

What makes this individual special? (<250 words)

Try to summarise why this individual should win this award, bearing in mind our key criteria of commitment, dedication, leadership and impact.

For more information on the CMI Awards, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated Awards team here.

Chartered Management Institute (CMI)

The Chartered Management Institute (CMI) works with business and education to inspire people to unleash their potential and become skilled, confident and successful managers and leaders.

With a wealth of practical qualifications, events and networking opportunities on offer throughout the UK and Asia-Pacific, CMI helps people boost their career prospects and connect them with other ambitious professionals in any industry and sector.


In fact, CMI has more than 160,000 people training to be better managers right now. Backed by a unique Royal Charter, CMI is the only organisation allowed to award Chartered Manager status – the ultimate management accolade.

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