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Excellence In....

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**Transformation
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**Being
Excellent**

Patron's Award

Catalyst
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The UK Excellence Awards 2026 Categories

Transformation Excellence

Whether your transformation is cultural, digital or process, this award is for people truly revolutionising their business

Excellence In....

- **Business Agility**
- **Change Management**
- Collaboration
- Continuous Improvement Culture
- Customer Experience
- Employee Health and Wellbeing
- Environmental Sustainability
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Innovation
- Lean Six Sigma
- People Engagement and Development
- Project Delivery



Being Excellent

For individuals and teams that stand out from the crowd

- Best Team
- Emerging Leader
- Established Leader
- Practitioner

Patron's Award

A free award for organisation and people giving their time to make a difference to society

- Excellent People doing Excellent Things
- Excellent Organisations doing Excellent Things

The Awards Timeline



- Entries in by end February 2026
- **Shortlisting** completed by April 2026
- **Judging** Panels April – June 2026
- Finalists announced **#FinalistFriday**
- Ceremony @Wembley Arena October 2026

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UK Excellence Awards

Sign up to enter the BQF UK Excellence Awards 2026

- 1 Register an account.
- 2 Start your entry (save it in-progress).
- 3 Attach any supporting evidence.
- 4 Submit your entry to be judged.

Best of luck!

For any questions, please contact us via [email](#)

What to expect – written submission

Transformation Excellence & Excellence In

5 sections:

- Why you did it (10%)
- How you did it (30%)
- What you achieved (20%)
- What you learnt (20%)
- Cultural impact (20%) (new)

Think about quality rather than quantity, videos should be no more than 5 minutes, and any presentations or PDFs should be a maximum of 6 pages.

Sample from Transformation Excellence

Section 1: Why you did it?

200 words

Here we are looking for:

- The business context for the transformation and how well it aligned with the organisation's overall strategy and vision.
- What the "burning platform" or driving need for transformation was.
- Whether the initiative had support from a business sponsor.
- How you defined the overall organisational goal.

Section 2: How you did it?

600 words

Here we are looking for:

- How you selected a framework or approach and identified who would be involved.
- How you established a baseline and tracked progress against it.
- How you defined key actions, milestones, and built governance around the initiative.
- How you understood the impact on people and actively engaged them throughout the transformation.
- How you identified and overcome barriers, maintaining momentum to achieve the desired outcome.
- How you rigorously used change management techniques to ensure adoption of the outcome.

Section 3: What you achieved?

400 words

Here we are looking for data and testimonials to show:

- The extent to which you delivered improvements in your baseline metrics.
- Feedback from employees, customers and other stakeholders.

What to expect – written submission

Being Excellent

4 sections:

- Setting direction and delivering results (30%)
- Working with others (30%)
- Self development & integrity (25%)
- What makes this person great to work with - feedback from a range of stakeholders(15%)

Slight variation for Best Team

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Sample from Practitioner

Section 1: Delivering results

300 words

Tell us how the individual:

- Understands the business vision and strategy, and aligns their improvements and solutions to support it.
- Communicates ideas, solutions, and progress effectively, engaging and influencing relevant stakeholders.
- Demonstrates creativity and innovation in developing and delivering practical improvements.
- Achieves tangible results and outcomes for both the business and customers.

Section 2: Working with others

300 words

Tell us how the individual:

- Develops and motivates peers, bringing people together around shared goals and fostering a culture of collaboration.
- Quickly establishes relationships with diverse groups to drive improvements for the business, and contributes as a supportive team player.
- Constructively challenges the status quo while maintaining excellent relationships.
- Facilitates group work using appropriate tools and techniques to deliver improvement.

What to expect – written submission

Patron's Awards

3 sections:

- Why do you do it (20%)
- How do you do it (40%)
- What do you achieve (40%)

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Sample from Patron's Organisations

Why you do it

200 words

Tell us how:

- You have a clear purpose, belief, and passion in what you are trying to achieve.
- You are clear on who you are trying to help and why.

How you do it

400 words

Tell us how:

- You work together as a team, supporting each other to learn, grow, and make a difference.
- You have strong relationships with the people you work with and those you support.
- You overcome barriers and challenges, keeping your motivation to succeed and finding new ways of doing things even in tough times.

What do you achieve

400 words

Tell us how:

- You have made a real difference for your cause and can provide testimonials, evidence or data to demonstrate the difference you have made.

What to expect – Judges' Round

- Teams that are successful in the written submission will be shortlisted and invited to meet the judges.
- All judging dates have been agreed and the judges announced.
- All panels are made up of 6 judges from a range of backgrounds (previous winners, sponsors, members and industry experts).
- Timings are:
 - Transformation & Excellence in: 20 minutes + 10 mins Q&A
 - Being Excellent & Patron's: 10 mins + 10 mins Q&A

Assume the judges have all read your written entry;
use this session to enhance not duplicate
Good time keeping is critical

Judging Dates:

Click [here](#) to see the full list of judges

22/04/2026	Patron's Award for Individuals Serving the Community
23/04/2026	Patron's Award for Charity Organisations
28/04/2026	Excellence In Continuous Improvement Culture
29/04/2026	Excellence In Customer Experience
30/04/2026	Excellence In Employee Health and Wellbeing
05/05/2026	Excellence In Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
06/05/2026	Excellence In Innovation
07/05/2026	Excellence In Lean Six Sigma
12/05/2026	Excellence In People Engagement and Development
13/05/2026	Excellence In Project Management
14/05/2026	Excellence In Sustainability
19/05/2026	Being Excellent: Practitioner
20/05/2026	Being Excellent: Emerging Leader
21/05/2026	Being Excellent: Established Leader
03/06/2026	Being Excellent: Best Team
04/06/2026	Transformation Excellence
09/06/2026	Excellence In Business Agility
10/06/2026	Excellence In Change Management
11/06/2026	Excellence In Collaboration

Available resources



How to become
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Entry process
and pricing



Explore our 2026
Award
Categories



Timeline and
judging dates



Meet the 2026
Judges



Awards toolkit

- Winner Showcases
- Award's Focused Podcasts
- Webinars: How to create good entries
- Judging criteria published in template form
- Past winner entries published
- The BQF team – always happy to help

Q&A



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