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The third annual National Technology Awards - celebrating the pioneers of technology and encouraging excellence

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Welcome to the overview of this year's National Technology Awards.

In the year since I took the reins and tried to tame our burgeoning beat, we've covered everything from WiFi-boosting satellite launches to revolutionary advances in quantum computing, community-based GovTech initiatives to life-saving HealthTech breakthroughs.

You could argue more focus is required, or as I would respond, you can take this as a glowing assessment of the incredible innovation and impressive competition within the UK's various tech sectors.

Of course it's not all been good news – but as

the old adage goes, that doesn't sell. So we've written about our fair share of serious security breaches, botched IT upgrades and regulatory warnings over the last 12 months.

Suffice to say, the industry areas these awards cover have been an interesting place to play. The quality of entries across all categories backs this up, so well done to everyone who made the shortlist; you made our judges job as tricky as ever.

Thanks to that judging panel for picking our winners, and also to our sponsors and events teams for putting on such a great show. Regardless of whether you made off with an award, I'd like to thank you for making this such a diverse and stimulating area to cover.



Retailing Technology of the Year



Finance Technology of the Year



Manufacturing or Construction Technology of the Year

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The Department for Work and Pensions took home two awards at this year's National Technology Awards.

The government department won the Best Public Sector Project for its DWP Digital Find a Job recruitment tool, along with the Tech Team of the Year award.

It joined a wide variety of public and private sector organisations in being recognised for innovating within their technology sub-sectors, including Sky for Best Enterprise Product, British Telecom for Best Gaming Technology of the Year, and the National Grid for best Internet of Things Project of the Year.

The third annual celebration of the UK's most pioneering technology projects and products saw a record number of entries, which kept our esteemed panel of judges busy.

Hosted by comedian Lucy Porter at the London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, the event awarded the best and brightest in categories ranging from Security Innovation to Retailing Technology of the Year, Best Tech Place to Work and Smart Home Solution of the Year.

Over the next few pages you'll find the details of everyone who took home a trophy during the evening, along with photos from the stage.

Congratulations to all this year's winners, and we look forward to welcoming you all and more to next year's celebration.



Transport Technology of the Year



Healthcare Technology of the Year

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Innovation of the Year

Medair UK with Qlik

Kicking off the evening's awards, humanitarian aid agency Medair was recognised for its partnership with business intelligence firm Qlik to help Syrian refugees in Lebanon by locating settlements more accurately, identifying specific needs and getting help to them quicker.

(API) led approach. This integration strategy put them out in front in this closely-contested category.

Security Innovation of the Year

Pay360 by Capita

The judges said that by adding extra layers to the already-impressive proprietary Optimize technology, Pay360 took its security solution to the next level, demonstrated by an implementation for transport company Go-Ahead, which tackled a persistent fraud problem.



Smart Home Solution of the Year

Cloud Innovation of the Year

MuleSoft

MuleSoft's Anypoint Platform has taken on the challenge of helping companies across a range of industries solving cloud connectivity by taking an Application Programming Interface

Mobile Innovation of the Year

PM Connect

This platform, which allows brands and



Gaming Technology of the Year

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VR Product of the Year

content owners to take payment for subscriptions through mobile carriers, was hailed by the panel as a great end-to-end solution with a focus on rapidly-growing African markets.

IoT Project of the Year
National Grid ESO and UK Power Networks

The Power Potential project saw these two national organisations combine to launch an innovative new service, which enabled more distributed electricity generation across the South East of England, connecting networks and generators to provide new services for transmission.

RegTech Project of the Year
Know Your Customer

The use of advanced machine learning technology to automate manual compliance tasks - such as calculating



Consumer Product of the Year

risk parameters and keeping up with new rules - gave Know Your Customer the edge in this hard-fought category.

Analytics Project of the Year
HooYu

This ground-breaking web-based investigation platform is changing the analytics game by displaying results in a graph database, rather than the traditional list format, showing relevant connections and turning data into knowledge easier.

Best Public Sector Project
DWP Digital Find a job

The Department for Work and Pension's online job search facility is part of a collaborative approach - in partnership with Adzuna - to create a large-scale service, delivered and improved iteratively, based on data and research.



Innovative Enterprise Product of the Year

Best Enterprise Project
Sky

The Future Assurance View tool allows people to run diagnostics on their telephone and broadband connection without contacting a customer services advisor, helping to lessen the backlog for customer service teams.

Startup Tech Company of the Year
Databowl

This integrated system to automate marketing, create transparency in lead generation and reduce fraud has shown fast growth and an engaged global customer base - both of which really impressed the judging panel.

Tech Growth Business of the Year
Giacom

Helping smaller businesses migrate into the cloud has put this company on



Cloud Product of the Year



Security Product of the Year



Analytics Product of the Year

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Reseller of the Year - sponsored by Giacom

an impressive growth trajectory, with the revenue numbers and client wins to prove it.

Best Tech Place to Work Breathe

Standing apart in this category due to a true investment in staff, Breathe for instance allows workers 20 per cent time for personal projects; something the judges said any creative career-focussed technology employee would covet.

Technology for Good Award Deutsche Bank

The bank's CommuniTY Hackathons were aimed at solving societal challenges and delivering tangible technology solutions for charitable causes – an approach which was described as being a model for the future.



Tech Company of the Year



Outsourcing Company of the Year

Tech Team of the Year The Department for Work and Pensions

The government department's second award of the evening came for fostering a forward-looking approach that has managed to overcome the usual inflexibility of large public sector organisations.

Tech Company of the Year OnlineFuels

In a very busy category, OnlineFuels won out for its innovative dashboard and e-market software that has many versions in different verticals – cutting administration time down and providing complete clarity for customers.

Tech Investment Award 3M Buckley Innovation Centre / University of Huddersfield



Tech Investment Award

A wholly owned subsidiary of the university, the centre is designed for businesses to innovate, collaborate, and facilitate local and regional regeneration – something that won plaudits for its investment in a range of transformational technologies.

Outsourcing Company of the Year Agilitas

Focusing on its Inventory-as-a-Service offering, Agilitas delivers this directly and through major partners, while customers benefit from being able to offer competitive pricing – an increasingly important capability according to the judges.

Reseller of the Year Unify Communications

This specialist cloud systems integrator provides telecommunications and contact centre solutions, assuming



Tech Team of the Year



Technology for Good Award

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Best Tech Place to Work



Tech Growth Business of the Year



Startup Tech Company of the Year

end-to-end responsibility for projects, from conception, through implementation and delivery, to ongoing management and support.

Analytics Product of the Year **Barclaycard Payment Solutions**

By enhancing the payments process as a continuing journey, this entry made it to the top of the pack by offering a great example of a discrete optimisation solution that actually works well in practice.

Security Product of the Year **Darktrace**

After recognition for its Enterprise Immune System last year, this time round the company won for the development of its Antigena product, using artificial intelligence to autonomously respond to cyber-attacks as they strike.

Cloud Product of the Year **Xero**

This company was already a leading international cloud-based accounting tech vendor, but the judges said the Xero's international expansion strategy has been meticulously planned and well-executed, while integration with HM Revenue & Customs has made life a lot easier for finance teams across the country.

Innovative Enterprise Product of the Year **Luminance**

By applying machine learning algorithms to problems in the legal profession, this innovative artificial intelligence platform has shown impressive customer traction and growth, along with a step change in capability, according to our judging panel.

Consumer Product of the Year **V by Vodafone**

The judges commented that the V-Kids Watch finally solves the problem of connecting smart devices, in an affordable way, applying this innovative technology to an area of very high demand from concerned parents.

VR Product of the Year **Stickee Technology**

Judged to be a well-executed virtual reality concept, the Balls cricket game from Stickee gives smartphone users an immersive experience which really appealed to a wide audience.

Gaming Technology of the Year **British Telecoms**

The Da Vinci Challenge saw BT staff attempting to build a 'Leonardo' navigation app and get it to launch



Best Enterprise Project



Best Public Sector Project - sponsored by Pay360 by Capita



Analytics Project of the Year

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RegTech Project of the Year

within a 30-day window. Judges called it a brilliant concept to change cultural aspects of a company using gamification.

Smart Home Solution of the Year

Synibox

The world's only universally adaptable, invisible wiring and hidden socket system was adjudged to be simple, easy and modern – therefore making it the clear winner in this popular category. The judges called this a crucial step forward in smart home technology.

Healthcare Technology of the Year

vCreate

This online messaging service allows clinical teams in neonatal and paediatric units to send video updates to parents when they're unable to be with their child – an innovative tech



IoT Project of the Year

solution that resonated with those who inspected the category.

Transport Technology of the Year

Wheely-Safe

Attempting to solve the dangerous problem of wheel detachment from trucks, buses and coaches, this collaboration with Michelin came out on top for making genuine strides forward in terms of this long-term problem.

Manufacturing or Construction Technology of the Year

Lucas UK Group

Construction industry fit out and finishing specialist Lucas was praised for using technology to solve real business issues, enabling solutions via a new suite of customer and colleague apps - something which separated the entry from its competition in this category.



Mobile Innovation of the Year

Finance Technology of the Year

Previs

This supplier payment technology platform solves a huge problem for small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), something definitely worthy enough of victory here, given how fundamental such small firms are to the continued success of the UK economy.

Retailing Technology of the Year

Red Ant

The final category of the night saw this cloud-based digital store platform beat off other contenders by helping retailers maximise sales, deliver improved customer service and drive operational performance within an industry going through challenging times. The judges concluded that this solution was key to the sector's revitalisation.



Security Innovation of the Year



Cloud Innovation of the Year



Innovation of the Year

JUDGING PANEL

Susan Bowen
President
Cogeco Peer 1



Mark Milton
Chief Executive
Amberlight



Ben Brabyn
Head
Level39



Peter Mountford
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