

Chamber Awards Judging Process 2019

Chambers Ireland's Chamber Awards 2019 seek to recognise the outstanding work of Chambers that are engaged in making a difference in their communities and further afield. They are a chance for Chambers to showcase their achievements in a variety of categories, from innovative projects to successful events, collaboration with their local authority and more. The Awards are open to all affiliated Chambers across the country.

Judging Process

Chambers Ireland is committed to ensuring that the judging process is both robust and transparent. Judges are looking in particular for projects which are innovative, engage staff at all levels, are well thought out and communicated, utilise a variety of resources, and have positive impacts on the business and the target sector.

The Awards applications are reviewed by an independent judging panel. Judges are provided with support and information on scoring criteria and methodology in advance of the judging process.

Judging Panel

Judging Panel scrutinises all applications to the Awards. The judges review the applications independently and provide a score. This judging panel then meets to discuss the highest scoring projects and create a shortlist of the strongest projects.

The Judging Panel independently reviews the shortlisted projects and then meets to deliberate and decide on the category winners. This Judging Panel will also shortlist a small number of Chambers for the Overall Chamber Award. They will also decide upon the overall winner for 2019.

Overall Award for Chamber of the Year

One Chamber wins the award for Chamber of the Year.

Key Judging Criteria

The judges evaluate each project on its individual merits, but there are a number of criteria that will be key factors in their evaluation:

- **Innovation**: Projects avoid stereotypical actions and make an effort to think outside of the box when addressing the relevant issues. Projects are capable of adapting as they progress.
- **Engagement & Collaboration**: There is strong and mutually beneficial collaboration with any partners or stakeholders.
- **Strategy & Communications**: Projects involve clear identification and prioritisation of goals and actions, and effective communications with all stakeholders.
- **Business Impact**: The project has a significant impact on the business community.

Projects Categories

- Event of the Year
- Most Innovative Project
- Most Successful Policy Campaign
- Local Authority Collaboration
- Best Chamber Marketing Campaign

Entering the Awards

Chambers Ireland has an online application system. The application process will take place through Platform Avenue online system which can be accessed through www.chambers.ie/events/chamber-awards/

Important Dates

- **5th February:** Applications open
- **1st March:** Closing date for applications
- **10th April:** Chambers Ireland Chamber Awards 2019