

National Happiness Awards hunt for the UK's happiest workers

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The search is on to find Britain's happiest workers and workplaces for the National Happiness Awards 2017. And this year, in addition to honouring the country's happiest organisations and employees, the popular awards are expanding to look for the most upbeat teams and future leaders.

The National Happiness Awards were the first of their kind and were launched to honour the people and places in the UK making a difference through happiness. Nominations are now open in the categories of Happiest Workplace, Happiest Employee, Happiest Team and Happiest Future Leader.

The awards were launched last year by international learning and development company Laughology (<http://www.laughology.co.uk>) will be held at the Chartered Institute of Professional Development (CIPD).

Workplace happiness is a serious business, and happiness as a commercial concept has gained much traction in recent years. Laughology has been a pioneer in the field and is a market leader in delivering innovative training solutions across the private and public sector.

David Brents need not apply. The National Happiness Awards aim to recognise the serious business of happiness, rather than workplace jokers. Judges will be looking for examples of positive programmes and actions which promote engagement and support.

Laughology founder and CEO, Stephanie Davies said: "No one can be happy all the time and at Laughology we help organisations creating environments for realistic happiness. This means giving people the skills needed to face challenges positively, to be resilient and to solve problems. The National Happiness Awards are designed to honour the people and places which are making real differences through positive actions and happiness. We know that happier people are healthier and more productive and increasingly businesses are understanding this, which can only be a good thing."

Francesca Scott of The Outward Bound Trust, Cumbria, which won the award for Happiest Workplace last year, said: "We worked hard to make The Outward Bound Trust somewhere vibrant where people want to come and work and couldn't believe it when we were announced as the winner. The media interest since the awards has been good. Staff within the organisation have been thrilled. It is something that will help us, particularly in terms of recruitment and encouraging people to come and work for us."

The awards are sponsored by Simply Better Events. Nominations for all categories are invited via the Laughology (<http://www.laughology.co.uk/happiness-awards/national-happiness-awards-2017>) website, where full details are available.

The award ceremony will be held on November 17th at CIPD Wimbledon, London SW19. Entries close on October 20th.

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