

# RIDI Awards 2018: Winners Announced

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The winners of the 2018 Recruitment Industry Disability Initiative (RIDI (<http://www.ridi.org.uk>)) Awards were announced yesterday (15th March) at an exclusive event in central London which was hosted by Paralympics GB athlete, Sophia Warner.

Launched in 2014, the RIDI Awards celebrate progress and recognise the success of organisations that are making headway in increasing the inclusion of disabled jobseekers.

Chair of the Judging Panel, Kate Headley said:

“The RIDI Awards are the grand finale of a successful year-long campaign to create disability-confident recruiters and employers. I’m sure all attendees will agree that the stories shared during this year’s ceremony are truly inspiring. Judging entries was, once again, challenging, but each one of our winners couldn’t be more deserving.

“Thank you, as always, to our wonderful volunteer judges from external organisations, our executive board and generous sponsors who make continuing this incredible journey possible. We are not there yet, but if this year’s winners are anything to go by we are getting much closer to creating a disability confident landscape for disabled job seekers.”

Jane Hatton, who joined the judging panel for the 2018 Awards, added:

“I’ve been following the work of RIDI since the organisation launched, but witnessing the incredible submissions that the judging panel have the privilege of reviewing from the inside this year was a true honour. Congratulations to all 2018’s winners - I have no doubt that celebrating and sharing best practice at ceremonies such as this has a positive impact on others determined to make a difference to disability inclusion in the workplace.”

The event was made possible due to the generous support of ‘Gold’ sponsors; Clear Company, E.ON, Eversheds Sutherland, Guidant Group, Lloyd’s and XL Catlin, ‘Silver’ sponsors; Amey, Chemical Code, DWF, LMG, Recite Me and ‘Bronze’ partners; Digital Accessibility Centre, Kelly and Wells Tobias as well as the 2018 awards sponsors; E.ON, Kelly, Manpower Group, Oakleaf Partnership, Resource Solutions and Skanska and supporting partner, Disability Confident.

The judging panel included senior representatives from organisations including HS2; Eversheds, Bloomberg and the Co-operative Group.

The winners of the awards were:

Getting Started – sponsored by Kelly - John Lewis Partnership

Extending the Reach – sponsored by Manpower - Amey

Individual Choice – sponsored by E.ON - Carmichael UK

Disability Confident – presented by Disability Confident - Civil Service

Supply Chain – sponsored by Skanska - Guidant Group  
Training & Development – sponsored by Resource Solutions - Lloyd's  
Reasonable Adjustments – presented by Sophie Christiansen - Manpower  
Disability Specialist - sponsored by E.ON - PLUSS  
Greatest Impact, sponsored by Oakleaf Partnership - Manpower

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