

# THE NAVCA AWARDS 2019



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The NAVCA Awards are here to celebrate and showcase the best in our very unique and specialist sector. At NAVCA, we see examples that inspire and deliver real and meaningful impact every single day. But as a sector, do we shout about them or tell the story of local sector support and development organisations loudly enough?

Well, this is your opportunity to tell your own story; to celebrate and showcase your staff and volunteers, and to demonstrate the difference you make every single day.

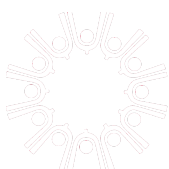
## How to apply

The awards are open to NAVCA members only. You can apply for as many of the categories (listed on the following pages) as you wish. To enter, go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/A5HfijlZmZE4Ew853> and submit up to **300 words** and a **two minute video**, demonstrating how you meet the criteria of the award category. We aren't expecting to find the next Spielberg or Tarantino, but your films will be judged and we hope to show them on the awards night, so make them stand out!

We are accepting submissions until midnight on **Sunday 24 February 2019**.

All shortlisted entries will be announced at a special awards ceremony in London on **Monday 19 March 2019**.

*Remember: our award criteria is offered as guidance only and shouldn't be seen as a 'check list'. Please don't be put off from entering if you don't have an answer for every single point!*



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# Categories & criteria



## Category: Telling the story

### What are we looking for?

Are you a superstar storyteller that makes people stop and take notice of local social action? We are looking for members that have:

- set out clear strategic goals and been able to effectively communicate how you plan to get there;
- shown a real understanding of your key audiences and delivered tailored messages to suit;
- demonstrated the impact that your work has had on lives and communities;
- been creative in your use of communication tools.

## Category: Collaboration and partnership working

### What are we looking for?

Who is the Cagney to your Lacy? The yin to your yang, the gin to your tonic? We are looking for members that have:

- proactively created partnerships and/or have been responsive to invitations;
- received good feedback from the partners they have worked with;
- set clear strategic goals that couldn't be delivered alone;
- been able to demonstrate the impact of their collaboration and partnership working.

## Category: Embracing digital

### What are we looking for?

Have you welcomed digital technologies with open arms and an open mind? We are looking for members using digital technology in a way that is relevant to your mission, that have:

- used digital tools strategically to meet a specific objective/s;
- maintained expenditure that is proportionate to your organisation;
- been able to demonstrate the impact of your work through digital technologies.





### **Category: Leadership**

#### **What are we looking for?**

Is your leader a true trailblazer in the local social action movement? We are looking for great leaders who demonstrate:

- inspirational leadership style;
- resilience; recovery from difficulties, are unafraid to fail fast and turn problems in to learning moments.
- visibility; a leader unafraid to position themselves front and centre in times both good and bad.
- a commitment to demonstrating impact through their work.

### **Category: Rising star**

#### **What are we looking for?**

Do you have a new face on the scene that's turning heads with their attitude, work ethic and the impact they've already made? We are looking for individuals that have:

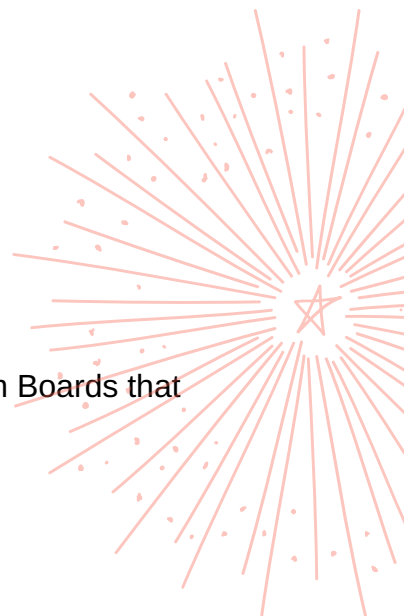
- been in role for less than two years;
- shown potential to be a future leader in the sector;
- been able to demonstrate the impact they've made in their role.

### **Category: Trustee Board of the year**

#### **What are we looking for?**

Is your Trustee Board a force to be reckoned with? We want to hear from Boards that can demonstrate:

- dynamism;
- diversity;
- a courageous approach when faced with challenges;
- unity;
- leadership;
- the impact they have made upon your organisation.





**Category: Making a difference**

**What are we looking for?**

Have you been the catalyst for real change and positive action in your community? We want to hear how you have made a difference – big or small. Tell us how you have:

- been creative in your approach;
- made effective use of available resources;
- set, worked towards and achieved clear strategic goals;
- achieved demonstrable impact.

**Category: Health partners**

**What are we looking for?**

Do you work in the Health & Social Care sector, forging relationships with local VCSE partners to build strong and healthy communities? We want to know how you:

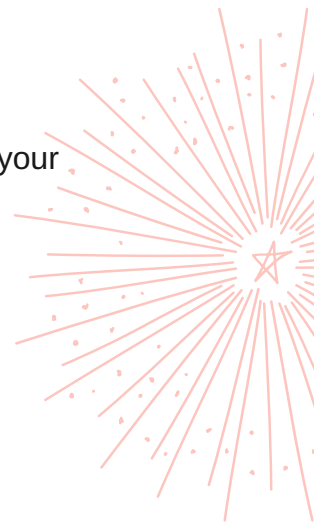
- approach health inequalities;
- support and create connections between communities and healthcare providers.

**Category: Campaigning & advocacy**

**What are we looking for?**

Are you speaking out loudly about the issues that matter and helping others in your community to do the same? Tell us how you are:

- developing and/or supporting a campaign issue in your community;
- supporting local organisations to develop advocacy skills;
- supporting representation of local people and organisations;
- delivering meaningful impact.



**Closing date for entries: Midnight, Sunday 24 February  
2019**

**Enter online: <https://goo.gl/forms/A5HfijIZmZE4Ew853>**