

# UK SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2026



## SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

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**12 November**  
**Manchester**



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## ABOUT THE AWARDS

**A WARM, HIGH-PROFILE CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE BUILDING  
A FAIRER WAY TO DO BUSINESS**

The UK Social Enterprise Awards are the country's biggest celebration of businesses with a social or environmental purpose. It is a joyful evening built on inspiring stories, where founders, teams, patrons, buyers, and policymakers come together to cheer on businesses that make purpose practical.

This year, we're taking the celebrations out of London and are heading to a city with a deep connection to the social enterprise movement – **Manchester**. The wider Greater Manchester story reaches back to the Rochdale Pioneers, who opened their store in 1844 and helped shape principles that still underpin co-operation globally.

The UK Social Enterprise Awards 2026 will take place on **12 November** and will be co-produced with **Co-operatives UK**. Hosted at **New Century Hall**, it will bring together over **600 leaders** in social enterprise, big business and government. New Century Hall is a cornerstone of Manchester musical history, from 1960s legends to the Madchester era.

Building on the momentum from last year's 'Festival of Hope', this year's theme will be 'All Together Now', capturing the spirit of unity, co-operation and community that is at the heart of our movement.

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# WHY SPONSOR

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## Value beyond awards night

Our sponsorship offer carries value before, during and after the awards, including post-event storytelling and the spring 2027 winners' reception in Parliament.

- **Spring 26 - Campaign launch**
- **Summer 26 - Shortlisting and storytelling**
- **Autumn 26 - Awards Night**
- **Winter 26 - Winner amplification**
- **Spring 27 - Reception in Parliament**



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### **Profile and credibility**

Stand with innovators already solving problems across employment, health, climate and communities wealth. Meet high-profile patrons and celebrity ambassadors representing the movement that generates £60bn in collective turnover and employs 2.3 m people.

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### **Values made tangible**

Shared purpose and a route into responsible business, supplier diversity and social value conversations.

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### **UK-wide partnership**

Amplified exposure through trusted national partners: Social Enterprise UK, Co-operatives UK, Social Enterprise Scotland, Social Enterprise Northern Ireland, Cwmpas in Wales, and GMCA.

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### **Reach and brand awareness**

2025 awards delivered unprecedented engagement on social media - over 600 likes, extensive news coverage with 11 articles published in national and local press. Our awards webpage is in the top 10 most-visited pages, with 4,000 views across the year.

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# 15 CATEGORIES TO ALIGN YOUR BUSINESS WITH

## Category

- UK Social Enterprise of the Year
- One to Watch
- Prove It: Social Impact
- Buy Social Market Builder
- Social Investment Deal
- Public Services
- Consumer Facing
- Education, Training & Jobs
- Environmental
- Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Justice
- Women's Champion
- International Impact
- Community-Based
- Technology or Innovation of the Year
- Co-op of the Year

## Sponsor fit

- leadership, mission and scale
- start-ups, enterprise and innovation
- measurement, ESG, reporting
- procurement and supply chains
- finance, investment, foundations
- health, local government, mutuals
- retail, FMCG, customer trust
- skills, employment, young people
- climate, circular economy, net zero
- inclusion and social justice
- leadership, talent, gender equity
- global development and human rights
- place, local growth, communities
- new products, digital, AI, accessibility
- sustainable business, principles of co-operation



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## **Category Sponsorship**

Full profile and branding in the run-up to the event, on the night and post-event. Presentation of the award at the ceremony with branding on the main screen during the presentation and a mention in the Book of the Night; 12 complimentary places.

**Investment: £8,000 + VAT**  
**Industry equivalent: £15,000**

**[Check sponsorship availability.](#)**



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## **Drinks Reception Sponsorship**

Full profile and branding in the run-up to the event, on the night and post-event. Logo accreditation and profile in the Book of the Night. Prominent branding and visibility during the welcome reception; 12 complimentary places.

**Investment: £6,000 + VAT**

## **Book of the Night Sponsorship**

Three sponsors. Branding on all promotional material, including pre-event, on the night and post-event. Logo and prominent sponsorship recognition in the Book of the Night; 6 complimentary places.

**Investment: £3,000 + VAT**



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## Secure your place in the room

Choose the category or partnership route that feels true to your organisation's purpose, audience and relationships.

Early conversations will secure the strongest fit, best hosted moments and warmest route into the room before packages are committed.

## Contact

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