

UK SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2026



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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](#) have been running for over 15 years and 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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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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SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

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.

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