

THE 9TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS 2018 SHORTLIST

Kingfisher, Novartis, EDF Energy, Merck, Thai Union, Unilever, Kimberly-Clark, Co-Op, Google, ING, GSK, ABN AMRO, Vancity, Ocado, Carlsberg, AstraZeneca, IBM and Tesco are among the nominees being shortlisted for this year's The Responsible Business Awards

The shortlist for Ethical Corporation's 9th Annual Responsible Business Awards has been announced. The winners will be revealed and celebrated at a glamorous [Awards Dinner](#) ceremony on the 9th October in central London.

"The calibre of entries in this year's Awards has been exceptionally high. There's some truly amazing initiatives and innovations across the globe that are driving new responsible ways of doing business. We look forward to celebrating their successes in October," said Liam Dowd, managing director at Ethical Corporation.

Ethical Corporation would like to thank everyone that entered for all their hard work and efforts spent in the submissions. Please keep up your great work!

MEET THE FINALISTS...

Innovation of the Year

- Polecat - *AI for Sustainability Insight, Stakeholder Engagement & Smart Business Decisions*
- Ocean Rainforest - *Macro Algae Cultivation Rig*
- Flex - *Flex Sustainable Solutions*
- GOJO - *New Purell® brand healthy soap® with clean release Technology Sets a New Standard for Soap*
- Barclays and Unreasonable Group - *Unreasonable Impact*
- Compugen Finance - *Green4Good and Carbon Bank*
- Merck KGaA - *Cyrene: A novel bio-based solvent*
- LIXIL Corporation - *LIXIL's SATO product series*
- BioPal - *Compostable packaging is the future*

Responsible Business of the Year

- GOJO Industries - *Changing How the World Stays Well*
- Compugen Finance - *Green4Good*
- Bridgestone – *Tires4ward*
- Neal's Yard Remedies - *Sustainability improvement and campaigning*
- DSM - *Brighter Living for All*
- PGT-Reclaimed - *20 Years of Furniture with Heart*
- BioPak - *Leading the market and inspiring more people to join us on the global journey towards zero waste*
- Corporacion Punto Azul - *The Pharmaceutical Industry for the benefit of public health, the environment and sustainability*
- Ocado - *Just 0.02% Ocado's food waste management strategy*
- Coca-Cola Company Turkey - *Agriculture of the Future*

New Start-Up of the Year

- Lekela - *Delivering clean, reliable energy across Africa*
- Ulula - *Worker voices to mitigate social risk in the global supply chain*
- QuizRR - *bringing scalable, fun and transparent worker's rights training to global value chain workers*
- Sustainable Platform Pty Ltd - *Sustainable Platform*
- Hyliion Inc.

Climate Action

- Kimberly-Clark Corporation - *Kimberly-Clark Energy & Climate Program*
- Flex - *Turning the Tide Against Climate Change*
- Banco Santander Brasil - *Fit to Grow*
- RBS - *Showing leadership on climate change*
- PT Astra International Tbk - *Astra Green Energy, Energy Conservation for Better World*
- Coca-Cola Company Turkey - *Agriculture of the Future*

Sustainability Report of the Year

- The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited - *HSH CRS Report 2017 - A Vision for Sustainable Luxury*
- EDF Energy - *The Better Plan*
- Novartis International AG - *An easy to use source of CR data for CR professionals*
- Kingfisher plc - *Kingfisher Sustainability Report 2017/18*
- Flex - *2017 Flex Sustainability Report*
- Arcelik A.S. - *Arcelik Sustainability Report 2017*
- Merck KGaA - *Corporate Responsibility Report 2017*
- Thai Union - *Thai Union 2017 Sustainability Report: Changing Seafood for Good*
- Deutsche Telekom AG - *Deutsche Telekom CR Report 2017*
- BASF SE - *BASF Report 2017*
- American Cleaning Institute - *Foundations for Transformation: 2017 Sustainability Report, American Cleaning Institute*

Integrated Report of the Year

- Luminous - *Britvic Annual Report and Accounts 2017*
- The AA - *Transparency and integrated thinking*
- Clariant - *All in one - Integrated Report 2017*
- ABN AMRO - *2017 Integrated Annual Review*
- Garanti Bank - *Garanti Bank 2017 Integrated Annual Report*
- Vancouver City Savings Credit Union (Vancity) - *Vancity 2017 Annual Report: Strengthening Communities*

Communications Campaign of the Year

- Given London - *The Smarter Drop*
- Neal's Yard Remedies - *Keep Our Oceans Plastic Free (previously Ban Microbeads Now)*
- Carlsberg Group - *Together Towards ZERO*
- East of England Co-op - *Co-op Guide to Dating*
- Royal Bank of Canada - *RBC Future Launch - WE NEED YOUTH*
- EDF Energy - *Pretty Curious*
- WIND Hellas - *Porn campaign | kids@safety*
- Vector Ltd & Auckland Council - *Vector Lights on the Auckland Harbour Bridge*

Human Rights

- Unilever - *Human Rights at Unilever*
- Sedex - *Tackling modern slavery in the supply chain*
- Thai Union Group - *Digital Traceability Pilot Project: Raising Human Rights and Worker Voice at Sea*
- Co-op Group - *Modern Slavery Campaign: Building a Bright Future*
- Continental Clothing Co. Ltd - *Fair Share Living Wage Programme*

Supply Chain Management

- Sedex - *Global supply chains, safe-guarding of people and the environment they live in*
- Together for Sustainability - *Impactful growth and continuous improvement*
- Unilever - *Responsible Sourcing in Unilever's Supply Chain Management*
- WWF - *Thai Union and WWF: Working together to source sustainable seafood*
- Givaudan SA - *Sourcing for Shared Value at Givaudan*
- Kimberly-Clark Corporation - *Kimberly-Clark Water Security Program*

Partnership of the Year

- Barclays and Unreasonable Group - *Unreasonable Impact*
- Google - *Global Power Plant Database*
- ING - *Think Forward Initiative*
- GSK - *GSK and Save the Children Partnership*
- WWF - *Coca-Cola & WWF: Securing A Thriving Future for English Rivers*
- City Developments Limited - *Zero-Energy Singapore Sustainability Academy*
- The Co-op - *British Red Cross and Co-op: Tackling Loneliness*
- Tesco - *Community Food Connection*

Community Investment of the Year

- AstraZeneca - *Young Health Programme*
- LifeStraw - *LifeStraw Giving Back Through Retail*
- IBM - *P-TECH 9-14 School Model: Transforming Life Trajectories*
- Abbott - *Driving social impact and creating shared value in India*
- Flex - *Flex as Community Leader*
- Ocado - *Ediblelinks: Empowering Communities with Food Surplus*
- OP Financial Group - *Hiiop100.fi - the online matchmaker for volunteering in Finland*
- Tesco - *Tesco Bags of Help*
- Royal Bank of Canada - *RBC Blue Water Project*
- The Collaboration Vector Inc. - *SeaLand's Transformative Community Involvement Program*

Business Leader of the Year

- Richard Liu – *JD.com*
- Dr. Darian McBain – *Thai Union*
- Jessica Lopez – *U Haul*
- Dr Mark Andrich - *Sustainable Platform Pty Ltd*

Diversity and Inclusion

- Kimberly-Clark Corporation - *Kimberly-Clark Diversity & Inclusion Program*
- Teck Resources - *Diversity and Inclusion at Teck*
- Shaw - *The Shaw Way: Demonstrating Inclusive Leadership*
- C&A and C&A Foundation – *Inspiring World*

The [Responsible Business Awards Dinner and Celebration](#) will take place on Tuesday 9th October 2018. The night will host the creme de la creme from the world of sustainability. The 200+ attendees will be the first to know the winners of this year's awards and learn about their Award-winning strategies. On top of this they'll enjoy a glamorous night of entertainment, 3-course meal and celebratory drinks.

For more information about the awards, the shortlist or the dinner ceremony, contact Ed Long on ed.long@ethicalcorp.com or call +44 (0) 207 375 7188 or [click here](#)