



Vision UK Thematic Awards and Astbury Award 2019: Nomination guidance notes

The Vision UK Thematic awards are:

Evidence and statistics

Any project or work based around evidence and statistics recognising the necessity of clear and universally accepted data for eye health and sight loss. We are especially interested in partnership and collaborative projects.

Research, cures and treatments

Any project or work based on prevention, treatment and curing eye health conditions. We are especially interested in partnership and collaborative projects.

Services, support and care

Any project or work based on priorities focused on ensuring blind and partially sighted people get the services they need in a timely, efficient and impactful way. We are especially interested in partnership and collaborative projects.

Public perception of sight loss

Any project or work to maximise the public understanding of eye health and sight loss including work and projects to inform policy and ensure clear and consistent messaging. We are especially interested in partnership and collaborative projects.

The Astbury Award

Given in recognition of any work that fosters excellence in collaboration within the eye health and sight loss sectors.

Nominees for all awards can be an individual, organisation, or for a specific eye health programme or piece of work. The Astbury

Award can also be in recognition of a whole career in which fostering collaboration has been a significant theme.

Nominations are taken from the breadth of the eye health and sight loss sector. Nominees do not have to work in, or be trustees or volunteers of, a Vision UK member organisation.

Nominations will be assessed according to impact/outcome by an independent and impartial panel of judges.

Examples of activities might include:

- Activities designed and delivered in partnership that are specifically targeted towards the mission, aims and priorities of Vision UK
<https://www.visionuk.org.uk/about-us/>;
- Collaboration and partnership activities that help further local level progress, promoting inclusion, equality and fairness;
- Individual actions that have resulted in a change in policy or treatment that has directly benefited blind or partially sighted people.

Why enter a nomination?

Winning a thematic award or the Astbury Award can have a positive impact on recipients in a number of ways:

- Recognition of your work and your commitment and dedication to a collaborative, cross-sector and effective way of working;
- Raising awareness within the sector of your organisation and all the work it does including its work with Vision UK;
- Demonstrate your impact and add to your credibility;
- Potential to raise the profile of the individual, organisation or piece of work through promotion and press coverage both within the sector and to the wider public.

Vision UK will publish information provided on the work of many of the shortlisted entries, as well as the winner.

How to enter a nomination

All across the eye health and sight loss sector are welcome to make nominations.

Your nomination must include specific examples of projects or working practices which clearly demonstrate commitment to Vision UK's mission and strategic priorities principles and spirit of collaboration and examples of positive outcomes that were achieved as a result of the work.

Shortlisted entries will be promoted via the Vision UK website, social media and e-newsletter.

There is a 500 word limit for nominations. Any text over the limit will be disregarded.

Shortlisted entries may be edited for publication on the Vision UK website and used in post-awards publicity.

Nomination forms should be sent via e-mail to info@visionuk.org.uk with the email title: Vision UK award nomination: (insert category), (insert organisation)

Please include all the requested contact details on the nomination form (don't forget your Twitter handle if you tweet) along with a photograph.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 20 September. The winner will be notified in early October and invited to the evening awards ceremony of the Vision UK and RSM Conference Forward view: Vision and eye health 9 October 2019