**2017 VR Awards – DEADLINE 26 January 2017**

The VRA is delighted to announce our 2017 annual awards. There are three categories:

* VR Practitioner
* VR Research and Education
* VR Initiative

**1. VR Practitioner**

* This award is open to individuals practicing in any aspect of VR in the UK including advisors, case managers and assessors.
* All nominees should be members of the VRA but nominators may be non-members.
* The winner will receive a trophy and a year’s free individual VRA membership.

Nominations should be no more than 700 words and include:

* the individual’s professional background; 100 words maximum;
* their area of work within the field; 300 words maximum; and
* their achievements and outcomes; 300 words maximum

**2. VR Research and Education**

* This award is open to entries from any individual or organisation in the UK.
* Entries could include services, products, projects that contribute to education of practitioners or research that adds to the evidence base.
* Nominators may include but are not limited to providers, purchasers and employers. Self-nominations are welcome.
* The winner will receive a trophy and will be featured on our website and in the VRA Roundup.

Nominations should be no more than 1000 words (including a summary) and include:

* an overview of the research or training programme;
* the organisations and/or individuals involved in the work and their roles;
* the outcome/s including where appropriate client/user/patient/student satisfaction, audit and/or research outcomes; and
* a 50 word summary

**3. VR Initiative**

We are keen to hear about different aspects of good practice in the field so this category is deliberately broad.

* It is open to entries from any individual or organisation in the UK.
* Entries could include services, products or projects which fall outside of the education and research field.
* Nominators may include but are not limited to providers, purchasers and employers. Self-nominations are welcome.
* The winner will receive a trophy and will be featured on our website and in the VRA Roundup.

Nominations should be no more than 1000 words (including a 50 word summary) and include:

* an overview of the initiative;
* the organisations and/or individuals involved in the work and their roles;
* the outcome/s; and
* a 50 word summary.

**Submission**

Entries should be submitted by email to [enquiries@vrassociationuk.com](mailto:enquiries@vrassociationuk.com) **by 5pm on 26th January 2017** and those shortlisted will be advised shortly afterwards. Award winners will be announced at the Irwin Mitchell conference in **London on 9th February 2017**, so we recommend all those nominated to make themselves available on this date and book for this free event. Please look out for further information regarding how to book your place.

Alternatively, please go to the VRA website (www.vrassociationuk.com) where you will be directed to an online form.

**Points to Note**

* Each nomination must be made on a separate form.
* Previous winners in the practitioner category are not eligible to be nominated again in this category.
* Any initiative or research/education project that has previously won in either of these categories cannot be reconsidered for a period of three years though the organisation and/or individual responsible are welcome to submit entries for other work.

**Entry Form**

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| **This section must be completed for all nominations** | |
| *Nominator’s details:* | |
| Contact Name: |  |
| Role: |  |
| Organisation: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Website: |  |

* VR Practitioner – Please complete section 1
* VR Research and Education – Please complete section 2
* VR Initiative – Please complete section 3

**Only one nomination may be made on each form**

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| **Section 1: VR Practitioner Nominations Only** | |
| *Nominee details:* | |
| Contact Name: |  |
| Role: |  |
| Organisation: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Website: |  |
| Is the individual aware of this nomination? | *Yes/No* |
| Nominations should be no more than 700 words and include:   * the individual’s professional background; 100 words maximum * their area of work within the field; 300 words maximum * their achievements and outcomes; 300 words maximum | |
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| **Section 2: VR Research and Education Nominations** | |
| **Please complete part A if the nominee details are different to your own. Part B must be completed for all VR Research and Education nominations.** | |
| *Part A: Nominee details:* | |
| Please complete the nominee details below if they are different to your own. | |
| Contact Name: |  |
| Role: |  |
| Organisation: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Website: |  |
| Is the individual and organisation aware of this nomination? | *Yes/No* |
| *Part B: Nomination* | |
| Nominations should be no more than 1000 words (including a summary) and include:   * an overview of the research or training programme; * the organisations and/or individuals involved in the work and their roles; * the outcome/s including where appropriate client/user/patient/student satisfaction, audit and/or research outcomes and * a 50 word summary | |
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| **Section 3: VR Initiative Nominations** | |
| **Please complete part A if the nominee details are different to your own. Part B must be completed for all VR Initiative nominations.** | |
| *Part A: Nominee details:* | |
| Please complete the nominee details below if they are different to your own. | |
| Contact Name: |  |
| Role: |  |
| Organisation: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Website: |  |
| Is the individual and organisation aware of this nomination? |  |
| *Part B: Nomination* | |