**ABOUT THIS AWARD CATEGORY:**

This award is about acknowledging an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to enhancing the profile of VR in the UK.

This would involve widening the reach and impact of VR practice through championing and/or promoting its development, provision and/or evaluation. (e.g., through research and development; education; influencing policy; or promoting VR).

This award requires a substantially wider contribution than individual innovative or evidence-based individual practice and more extensive than any individual research or development projects, which are covered by the other awards.

The individual must be a VRA member (with a current membership). This can be a self-nomination, or a nomination for someone else.

The nomination should provide clear detail regarding the individual’s role in championing and/or promoting VR, highlighting in particular what makes them stand out to warrant this award. For example: -

* How might they have impacted provision and/or practice in a positive way?
* How might they have influenced key decision makers to include/ focus more on VR?
* How might they be raising the profile of VR in the UK with key stakeholders, including service users/ clients/ commissioners?
* How might they be improving awareness and access to VR across different sectors?
* How have they inspired budding or established VR practitioners to be the best they can be in their field?
* What other contribution are they making to the VR field?

You should describe their specific wider contribution to championing and promoting VR and demonstrate its impact on provision and/or practice, wherever possible.

The nomination can be supported, by adding testimonials from other parties in an appendix, but **please do refer to the guidance document re use of appendices and anonymisation**.

The Nomination should be **no more than 1,000 words**

You should include:

* A brief outline of the individual’s professional background and experience (approx. 100 words)
* Their current area of work within the field (approx. 300 words)
* An account of their wider achievements in championing or promoting VR provision and/or practice that mark them out for this award (approx. 600 words)

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| **Nominee:** |
| Name:  |  |
| Role:  |  |
| Organisation:  |  |
| Address:  |  |
| Telephone:  |  |
| Email address:  |  |
| Website:  |  |
| Social media: | ***To enhance promotion of the awards please give details for Twitter and LinkedIn*** |
| **Nominator:** |
| Name:  |  |
| GDPR | ***Please anonymise your nomination wherever possible and confirm that any individuals or organisations named within this nomination (including the appendices) has given consent for their details to be shared.******Yes/No*** |
| Nominee consent  | ***Please confirm that the individual being nominated is fully aware of and has consented to this nomination.******Yes/No*** |
| VRA membership | ***Please confirm that the VR Practitioner nominated holds a current VRA membership.******Yes/No*** |
| ***If the nominee is not also the nominator – please complete the following nominator contact details***  |
| Role:  |  |
| Organisation:  |  |
| Address:  |  |
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| Email address:  |  |
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| **Nomination**  |
| **IMPORTANT:** ** The nominee must be a current VRA member**** All sections to be completed** ** Only one nomination on each form please**** Do ensure you have read the Awards Guidance document for nominations**** We strongly advise that you also read the Judging sheet for this category of award so that you can see how your nomination will be scored**  |
| *Insert nomination here. You can type in this box to expand.* |

**Any appendices should be incorporated into this document on additional pages (see Guidelines for detail)**

**Please submit to** **enquiries@vrassociation.org.uk** **in line with the awards timetable.**