Ecsite Awards for science engagement

2015 Ecsite Creativity Award – Submission guidelines

The Ecsite Creativity Award showcases creative solutions in science engagement and communication. It will be given to an organisation that developed an innovative action or programme in science communication or in public engagement with science in the past two years.

The jury will be considering how the organisation galvanised resources, energy and talent to foster creative solutions that can inspire the sector at large. It will be looking for societal impact, for organisational learning and for processes to be shared with the science engagement community.

Eligibility

All Ecsite members in order of payment for their 2015 membership fee can submit an application.

Submissions are limited to one per organisation. Up to three Ecsite members can team up to submit a common application if they worked on a project together.

Applicants can enter submissions for work they undertook together with non-member organisations if they can demonstrate that they played a leading role in the showcased project.

Selection Process

Applications will be screened for eligibility upon submission. All the entries that meet the eligibility criteria will then be evaluated by an independent jury.

Jury members are independent and selected for their expertise across various practice areas relevant to the Award.

The winner will be notified by email between 28 and 30 May.

The decisions of the jury are final and binding. Entry in the competition implies acceptance of the jury's decisions and of these regulations. The winner accepts to disseminate its award-winning action or programme at the Ecsite Directors' Forum and for the action or programme to be communicated in all Ecsite's communication channels.

The organizers reserve the right to modify these regulations; any changes will be communicated to the participants in due course.

How to apply

Submit a pdf document in English containing:

- Details of contact person and organisation's details (see below)
- Answers in order to the seven questions listed below, with an overall maximum word count of 2,000 words
- Up to ten pictures
- If you wish, a link to a website or video hosted on an external open access platform (in English, max. 2 minutes of footage)
- The signature of your organisation's Director

Send it to info@ecsite.eu **by Thursday 14 May, 5pm** (GMT +1), with header "Ecsite awards – Entry submission". For files larger than 8 MB, use a transfer tool (e.g. wetransfer) + notify us by email.

Contact person for application

Name and job title of contact person for application (only one contact person even for joint applications):

Direct phone number:

Email address:

Information about your organisation(s) (repeat this paragraph for each organisation if relevant)

Name of organisation:

Postal address of organisation:

Type of Ecsite membership:

Annual turnover of organisation for 2014:

Number visitors / reach per year:

Application questions

1. Briefly describe: what was your action or programme about? What creative solution did you develop and if relevant what parties were involved? If working with others, demonstrate that you took a leading role.
2. Why your work is new, original, imaginative and/or risk-taking?
3. Can you describe the process you put in place and what your organisation learnt from it?
4. What were the outcomes of your initiative? What obstacles did you face, what successes did you achieve?
5. How does your initiative celebrate Ecsite's values such as cooperation, diversity, inclusiveness, and active citizenship?
6. What recommendations/tools/learnings can you share with science engagement peers and what does your project bring to the science engagement community?
7. Why do you think you should win the Ecsite Creativity Award? How will the award be helpful to your organisation?