



INCA Awards 2023



In late November our good friends at INCA hosted their annual conference and awards at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham. An important date in the calendar, the awards recognises the innovation, dedication and passion that characterises the altnet industry and the SCTE is proud to support the work they do in this area.

Judging Panel:

- Kerry Young, Chief People Officer, VitriFi
- Ian Adkins, Consultant, Analysys Mason
- Brian Dolby, Founder & President, Proactive PR
- Barry Forde, Founder of B4RN
- Kennedy Edmed, Project Manager, Giganet
- Melissa Cogavin, Editor, SCTE Broadband Journal

Categories & Winners:

- LCR Connect, Award for Best Public Sector Project
- Airband, Award for Best Community Project
- Sean Royce, Award for Outstanding Contribution
- Bradley Earle, Rising Star Award
- Ogi, Customer Acquisition Award
- Freedom Fibre, Net Zero Award
- MS3 Networks, Award for Outstanding Delivery of New Infrastructure
- IQGeo, Technical Innovation Award

"I'm 35 years in the industry, so I'm absolutely thrilled and humbled to get this award. I started with copper and now I'm ripping it all out and putting full fibre networks in, so it's fantastic really. I built full fibre networks in urban areas like Hull which is one of the reasons I got the award, the first one in the UK, and now I'm building full fibre networks in deep rural areas, with fixed wireless, 5G and stuff that's never been done before, transforming people's lives, so it never stops!"

Sean Royce
CEO, Quickline
Winner, Outstanding Contribution



"We are very pleased to have won the award. It was a complete surprise, and it was very, very nice, so all of the work that the team had done at Freedom Fibre, with our NetZero contributions and The Freedom Fund this award has been really well deserved."

Richard Byers
Chief Risk Officer, Freedom Fibre
Winner, Net Zero Award



Our Editor Melissa Cogavin was again selected as a judge and over the past few months has been working with the INCA judging panel to narrow down a highly impressive range of submissions. "Full credit to Ian Adkins, who led the judging panel," Melissa said. "It's a lot of work curating all these submissions and making sense of all the far-reaching criteria."

A slick and fast-paced ceremony was delivered by MC Dave Happy, followed by a three course meal, ample networking opportunities and lots of fun. Taking place on the first night of INCA's packed annual two day conference, which tackled varied themes including Women in the industry, Engaging Local and National Stakeholders and PIA, the day was broken into workshops as well as panel discussions.

Featuring well-known names from across the altnet spectrum as well as academics, industry bodies and public sector workers, the programme contained something for everyone. A great couple of days' learning and networking. Congratulations to Gill Williams, Malcolm Corbett and the team at INCA for an excellent event all round.



"We've got a partnership between ourselves, the company I work for, ITS, the Liverpool City Region council and also a French company called NGE, and we are working together to put about 215km of fibre in the ground, focusing on connecting businesses in the city region, hopefully to promote a little bit of prosperity in the Liverpool area, sponsored heavily by the Liverpool city region mayor, Steve Rotheram. He'll be really chuffed that we won this, this has been one of his key projects, so it's a good night."

Steve Jones
Executive Director, LCR Connect
Winner, Outstanding Contribution

"Absolutely thrilled that we won! We won for a project called "Project Hapus". 'Hapus' in Welsh means 'Happy', and it's all about customer experience, so we really make the customer be the centre of everything that we do. We've worked with multiple departments across the business to really ensure that we put the customer first. It really means something to us, and we are excited that a customer acquisition award has come to Ogi. We are thrilled."

Sally-Anne Skinner
Chief Revenue Officer, Ogi
Winner, Customer Acquisition Award



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