‘From Warships to Washing Machines’ is how the Stationers’ Company summed up the achievement of the overall winner of the most recent Innovation Excellence Awards, as it launches this year’s Awards and announces entries are now open for the 2023 Awards, with a closing date of 21 April.

Moving the in-person Awards later in the year proved a popular decision. For 2023 the Awards ceremony will be on 25th September and the Company looks forward to hosting another outstanding group of dynamic innovators then.

Entries are encouraged from across the spectrum of businesses that make up the £70bn communications and content industries - including global, SME and non-profit businesses with start-ups again welcomed in a specialist category. The Awards remain free to enter, and entrants do not have to be members of the Stationers’ Company – they are open to all.

Including journalism, newspaper & magazine publishing; packaging; paper making & paper converting; printing; trade, academic & information publishing; fine stationers, greeting cards & office products and related intellectual property, archival, and digital born businesses - all are welcome to submit entries in these inclusive Awards.

Entries can be made in more than one of the six categories - and an overall ‘Innovator of the Year’ is chosen from the winners of each category. Entries will close at 7pm on Friday 21 April. The entry form is here https://www.stationers.org/siea-entry Award categories are:

- Business Process
- Communications and Marketing
- Customer Experience
- Product Design
Judges are keen to see applications that focus on novel products, services or business processes that have a positive financial and/or social impact on customers and on the environment. Judging criteria are available here https://www.stationers.org/assets/Judging-Criteria-for-the-2023-Awards_c4a4.pdf

Innovator of the Year

Xerox were the 2022 winners of Innovator of the Year. The Master, Moira Sleight presented the 2022 Award to Xerox's Managing Director UK/Ireland, Darren Cassidy, for the ElemX printer- which uses aluminium wire rather than powder to produce a precise replica of parts – and is already used by the US Navy to produce parts at sea, setting the bar high for the overall winner in 2023.

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About The Stationers' Company

The Stationers' Company is the City of London Livery Company for the Communications and Content industries. The Company's mission is to be the most effective independent forum in the UK Communications and Content industries, actively contributing to the strategic development, success and education of these industries. The majority of our members work in or supply the paper, print, publishing, packaging, office products, newspaper, broadcasting and online media industries.

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