



INTERNATIONAL PRINT & INNOVATIONS

**AWARDS 2023**

# ENTRY FORM

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES**  
7 July 2023

**AWARDS CEREMONY**

**11 October 2023**  
Royal Lancaster, London

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# The FlexoTech Awards highlight the great advancements made in flexo by recognising the best efforts in the industry from across the world. Submit your finest work to be honoured at the most prestigious event in the industry's calendar.

## HOW TO ENTER

There are 16 printing categories, an innovation category and a sustainability category to enter. Just complete an entry form for each item you submit, multiple entries for one category are allowed, as are entries for more than one category.

A separate entry form and run of print for each category is required even if the same print is being entered in more than one category (photocopies are acceptable).

Up to three entries per category are FREE of charge and it is £50 per entry thereafter. Payment must be made by cheque (made payable to Whitmar Publications Ltd), or bank transfer.

Nominated finalists will be announced prior to the awards presentation dinner.

Nominated entries will be reviewed at the dinner and each winner will be presented with an award by the category sponsor.

Please send your entries to:

30 London Road,  
Southborough, Tunbridge  
Wells, Kent, TN4 0RE

**CLOSING DATE:**  
7 July 2023

## RULES

1. Entries must have been produced by the printing company entering the awards.
2. No previous winning job may be re-entered from the same or different company.
3. All entries must be produced in the 12 months prior to 7 July 2023.
4. Entries are for commercial work undertaken by the printing company entering the awards, except promotional print and innovation categories.
5. Whitmar Publications reserves the right to use any entries received for marketing and promotional purposes in its magazines and on its website.
6. Entrants must have obtained the permission of their customer before entering the competition.
7. Whitmar Publications cannot accept responsibility for entries submitted.
8. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. Entries received after the deadline will be subject to a flat £50 late fee.
10. Entries may be moved to a different category at the discretion of the judges.
11. By entering you agree to all technical information being published on the website and in the magazine.
12. All printed samples must be unconverted, of full press width and include **at least three repeat lengths**, except corrugated samples where one sheet is sufficient. This should include control strips and registration marks. With the exception of labels and corrugated post-print, cut-outs will **NOT** be considered by the judges.
13. The printing company's contact details should be submitted with the entry if it is being entered on their behalf.

## AWARDS DINNER

The awards ceremony will be held on 11 October at the prestigious Royal Lancaster London.

A limited number of tables are available, each for 10 guests, at £2650+VAT per table, individual places £265+VAT.

Tables and tickets are now available, to book:

**Visit:** [www.flexotechawards.com](http://www.flexotechawards.com)

**Email:** [chloe.w@whitmar.co.uk](mailto:chloe.w@whitmar.co.uk)

**Call:** Chloe Ward - +44(0)1892 779599

# Here's why you should enter

## **EMPLOYEE MOTIVATION**

Everyone likes being part of a winning team. Achieving recognition in the awards will have a positive effect on staff morale, motivation and retention.

## **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

Attending the awards gives you the opportunity to build contacts, meet and network with other award participants, businesses and potential customers and partners.

## **ACKNOWLEDGE STAFF AND CUSTOMER LOYALTY**

Attending the awards is an opportunity to thank and reward staff for their contribution to the business, thank customers for their loyalty, and impress prospects with your hospitality.

## **RAISE YOUR PROFILE**

Winning at the FlexoTech Awards significantly raises your company profile and earns respect from your customers and peers.

## **ATTRACT NEW BUSINESS**

Just being nominated improves brand awareness and promotes your business to new customers.

## **FREE MARKETING AND EXPOSURE**

Gain extensive media attention through coverage in the nominee's and winner's issues, the awards website, and pre- and post-awards promotional emails.

Nominees and winners can also use this acknowledgement in their own PR and marketing activities. Such exposure will be sure to help attract new customers and increase respect from existing clients.

## CATEGORIES

- Labels (process)**  
Using process primary inks to create colour shades (CMYK, EGP and similar).
- Labels (line and tone)**  
Using spot colours to print line-works and halftones. Halftone overprints should be limited to a maximum of three colours.
- Flexible packaging (narrow/medium web) on film**  
<1000mm wide.
- Flexible packaging (wide web) on film**  
>1000mm wide.
- Flexible packaging (narrow/medium web) on paper**  
<10000mm wide.
- Flexible packaging (wide web) on paper**  
>1000mm wide.
- UV Flexo on paper or board**  
The use of UV inks (including UV-LED ink) on paper or board substrates.
- Corrugated post-print (A,B,C and D flute)**  
Post-print flexo on corrugated board with A, B, C or D fluting.
- Corrugated post-print (E and F flute)**  
Post-print flexo on corrugated board with E or F fluting.
- Best use of hybrid printing**  
Using flexo as the main printing process but using different processes to give the print additional qualities or attributes.
- Process colours only**  
Using just CMYK with or without a white or a varnish.
- Originally printed by another process**  
Any flexo job which was originally printed by a different process (a print sample of the previous printing process must be included).
- Digital labels and packaging**  
Any packaging or labels which have been printed with digital printing technology only.
- Best use of embellishments**  
Using embossing, foiling or any other embellishments to make visually stunning results on packaging or labels.
- Environmentally sustainable company of the year**  
Print companies that can demonstrate their commitment to the environment by implementing policies which reduce waste, emissions or carbon footprint. This could be achieved with investment in infrastructure or management of consumable materials. Entrants should submit a 500 word report which outlines how they meet the criteria of this category, as well as any supporting documents which will help the judges make their assessment.
- Best newcomer**  
For companies which have not entered the awards before, or in the last five years. (You will need to have entered another category to be eligible)
- Best use of ECG**  
The best example of using an extended colour gamut print production (fixed palette production). Entries should demonstrate:  
A) How using ECG has removed the use of all spot colours  
B) Two or more jobs batched together in the same print run using the same ECG colour set.
- Promotional print**  
Flexo print produced to showcase the abilities of a printer. (Must be submitted by the printer and can **NOT** be a commercial job).
- Innovation**  
Innovations that you, as a flexo printer/converter, have developed and implemented (with or without a partner) for your customers in the 12 months prior to 7 July 2023 – this could be innovations in design, reprographics, production, finishing/converting, ink formulation, materials development, sustainability or other aspects of the service you, as a flexo printer/converter offer to your customers. Judges will favour entries that demonstrate clear evidence of new ideas, new technologies and breakthrough service provision by the entering company that show measurable value for its customers. **Not eligible for suppliers.** Entrants should submit a 500 word report which outlines how they meet the criteria of this category, as well as any supporting documents which will help the judges make their assessment.

## ENTRY FOR PRINT AWARDS

Company name:.....

Entry title: .....

Awards category:.....

Printing press (manufacturer and model):.....

Web width: .....

Number of colours:.....

Press speed and run length: .....

Sleeves supplier: .....

Anilox (supplier and screen ruling):.....

Inks (manufacturer and type):.....

Decoration (manufacturer and type):.....

Substrate (manufacturer, type and grammage/microns):.....

Plate material:.....

Platemaking equipment (manufacturer and type):.....

Backing tape (manufacturer and type):.....

MIS/workflow:.....

Pre-press (in house or name of company):.....

Finishing equipment (manufacturer and type):.....

Permission from customer obtained

I would like to register to receive *FlexoTech* magazine and e-newsletter

(Please indicate all equipment, machinery and materials used)



## Whitmar Publications

### DETAILS OF ENTRANT

Name: .....

Company name: .....

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Company address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email: .....

### TABLE BOOKINGS

Tables and tickets are available to book,

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