

Rebuilding Lives Awards Ceremony: Eligibility and Winning Policy



1. Purpose of the policy

This policy ensures fairness, transparency, and consistency in how finalists and winners are selected across all award categories. It applies to all nominees, finalists, judges, and organising staff.

2. Nomination eligibility

Any individual/team/initiative meeting the published criteria for a category may be nominated. Nominations must be accurate, complete, and submitted by the published deadline. Individuals or teams may be nominated in more than one category if the criteria is met for each.

Members of SIA staff are not eligible to win. If staff are nominated they will not be shortlisted but the member of staff will be notified.

3. Finalist eligibility

Finalists are selected based on meeting the criteria and scoring highly during the shortlisting process.

A finalist may appear in multiple categories if eligible.

Finalists must confirm they are willing to participate in the awards, including any required interviews, supporting evidence, or media features.

4. Winning rules

4.1 Consecutive wins

No back-to-back wins: A winner cannot win the same category two years in a row but may win in a different category. If the previous year's winner is nominated in the same category they will not be shortlisted.

4.2 Multiple awards in the same year

A finalist may win more than one category in the same ceremony if the judging process supports it.

4.3 Withdrawal of awards

The organisers may revoke a finalist position or award if false information is discovered, the nominee breaches organisational policy, or the nominee cannot provide required evidence.

5. Judging and transparency

All judges must follow a fixed scoring system aligned to criteria. Judges should declare conflicts of interest. If judges cannot reach consensus, the Chair may cast a deciding vote.

6. Communication of decisions

Winners and finalists will be notified per the published schedule. Judges' comments may be summarised but decisions are final and cannot be appealed