Nominations close Friday 5 July 2019
Background

The New Zealand Charities Technology Awards recognise the very best in technology innovation and excellence by organisations and individuals in the not-for-profit sector. The Awards acknowledge the accomplishments of these organisations and individuals and the improved product and/or service offerings brought to the charitable sector through technology.

Award categories

1. Technology Volunteer of the Year
2. Not-For-Profit Technology Lifetime Service Award
3. Best Social Media Campaign of the Year
4. Not-For-Profit Technology Innovator of the Year
5. Using Technology to Connect to the Community – Best Small to Medium Enterprise
6. Using Technology to Connect to the Community – Best Government Agency
7. Best Accidental IT Person
Award category descriptions & criteria

Technology Volunteer of the Year (Individual)
This award recognises a volunteer who, through the use of technology, has made an exemplary voluntary contribution to the not-for-profit sector and has positively impacted the lives of others through their volunteering activities. Each entry for this award will be judged on the following criteria:
1. The volunteer has made a significant contribution to an organisation and has positively impacted the organisation and, as a result, the wider community.
2. The volunteer has demonstrated outstanding management of technology and used technology to positively impact an organisation.
3. The volunteer has shown genuine devotion and consistent effort to fulfil an organisation’s main purpose or mission.

Not-For-Profit Technology Lifetime Service Award (Individual)
This award recognises and celebrates the outstanding commitment and service by an individual working in a technology-related role in the not-for-profit sector over a significant period of time. Each entry for this award will be judged on the following criteria:
1. The individual has been involved in a technology-related role in the not-for-profit sector long term and has made a lasting contribution to their organisation and/or the not-for-profit sector.
2. The individual has demonstrated support for other people in the organisation and/or the sector and has provided inspiration to others in the sector.
3. The individual’s work aligns with the core values of the not-for-profit sector (i.e. access, community, good stewardship, etc)
Best Social Media Campaign of the Year

This award recognises the most effective and innovative use of social media by a not-for-profit organisation to promote its’ products and/or services. Each entry for this award will be judged on the following criteria:

1. The campaign has met its objectives and made a positive difference to the ongoing development of the organisation, its brand awareness and has successfully delivered its message to a target market.

2. The campaign was creative, innovative and unique

3. The campaign was consistent with the organisation’s identity and demonstrates cohesiveness across platforms to deliver a unifying message.

Not-For-Profit Technology Innovator of the Year

This award recognises a not-for-profit organisation or individual that has showcased innovation through the use of technology (i.e. technology planning, effective website, apps, projects, devices) to effectively deliver programs and/or services that positively impact the community.

Each entry for this award will be judged on the following criteria:

1. The organisation or individual has used technology through creative and innovative means to overcome obstacles or to support perceived opportunities.

2. The organisation or individual’s innovations have brought benefits beyond financial gains to the organisation, its clients and/or employees, and the wider community.

3. The organisation or individual promotes a culture of innovation in the workplace, fosters unique ideas and includes its staff in the innovation process.
Using Technology to Connect to the Community – Best Small to Medium Enterprise (Private sector)

This award recognises a private sector business that has made a highly-valued contribution and supported not-for-profit organisations through the use of technology. Each entry for this award will be judged on the following criteria:

1. The organisation has used technology to provide outstanding support to deliver on the purpose of the not-for-profit and the community in New Zealand.

2. The organisation has demonstrated extensive involvement of stakeholders in and its activities reflect the needs of the community, and delivering not-for-profit purpose in the long term.

3. The platform and technology utilised by the organisation is fit for purpose and appropriate for the content and audience.

Using Technology to Connect to the Community – Best Government Agency

This award recognises the excellence in use of technology by a local or national government agency to positively connect with local communities. Each entry for this award will be judged on the following criteria:

1. The government agency has used technology to provide outstanding support and value to the not-for-profit sector and the wider community in New Zealand.

2. The agency's contribution to the not-for-profit sector has created value and benefited the sector and the community.

3. The government agency has demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment to helping the not-for-profit sector in the long-term, and remains adaptable to allow partnerships to evolve.
Award category descriptions & criteria

Best Accidental IT Person (individual)

This award recognises a volunteer or staff member who has made an exemplary contribution to the not-for-profit sector and has positively impacted the lives of others by taking responsibility for their organisation’s IT in spite of it not originally being a formal part of their role or position description.

Each entry for this award will be judged on the following criteria:

1. The volunteer or staff member has made a significant contribution to an organisation and has positively impacted the organisation and, as a result, the wider community.
2. The volunteer or staff member has demonstrated outstanding management of technology and used technology to positively impact an organisation in spite of these responsibilities not originally being a formal part of their role or position description.
3. The volunteer or staff member has shown genuine devotion and consistent effort to fulfill an organisation’s main purpose or mission.

Keydates

Entries open
1 Jan 2019

Entries close
Midnight, Friday 5 July

Winners announced
Thursday 15 August 2019 at the New Zealand Charities Technology Awards Gala Dinner at Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre, Auckland
Prizes

Each Award category winner will receive the following:

- New Zealand Charities Technology Awards Trophy
- Gifted product or service from the award category sponsor (if available)

Nomination process

Organisations and individuals may nominate themselves, or another organisation and/or individual at https://www.judgify.me/nzcharitiestechnologyawards2019

Process for selecting winners

1. TechSoup NZ and Judging Panel to select finalists and winners for each award based on fulfillment of specific criteria for each award category
2. Finalists required to submit a supporting video to be displayed at the Awards Dinner
3. Winners to be announced at the New Zealand Charities Technology Awards Dinner
Terms and Conditions of Entry

1) The New Zealand Charities Technology Awards are produced by Connecting Up (as TechSoup NZ) and are open to:
   a) Categories 1-2: Individuals working or volunteering in the not-for-profit sector
   b) Category 3-4: Registered not-for-profit organisations
   c) Category 5: Business or enterprise serving not-for-profit clients and sector
   d) Category 6: Local or national government department or office involved in the not-for-profit sector.
   e) Category 7: People working or volunteering in a way that supports the not-for-profit sector

2) Entries must be received by 11:59pm on Friday 14 June 2019. Entries received after this closing date will not be accepted.

3) All entries must be submitted via the online Awards entry system https://www.judgify.me/nzcharitiestecnologyawards2019

4) All entries must be focused on the activities or initiatives of not-for-profit organisations, businesses serving not-for-profit organisations or individuals.

5) A maximum of one entry per category per organisation or individual will be accepted.

6) Connecting Up (TechSoup NZ) will screen the applications for suitability and matching criteria, to select finalists for each award category from the nominations submitted through online system.

7) Finalists required to submit a supporting video to be displayed at the Awards Dinner.

8) Official Judging Panel to select winners based on fulfillment of specific criteria outlined for each award.

9) Winners to be announced at the Awards Dinner on Thursday 15 August 2019

10) When completing entries, use the name of the nominated organisation or individual exactly as they would appear on the winner’s trophy. Connecting Up (TechSoup NZ) will not be responsible for incorrect spelling of names.

11) Entries that contain offensive material, propagate hate messages, make defamatory statements, or that are otherwise offensive are not eligible to win a New Zealand Charities Technology Award. Likewise, entries that are fake will not be considered for judging. Ineligible entries may be disqualified at any phase of the competition without notification.
12) All finalists are required to enter a supporting video after being advised of finalist status. The video should give a brief introduction from the organisation and/or nominee, plus a simple outline of the impact of the initiative being entered.

   Technical requirements for video include:
   • The video should be of no more than 60 seconds in length.
   • Mobile phone video is suitable, however all video must be shot in landscape.
   • It is the entrant’s responsibility to ensure that this content is playable and accessible by judges.
   • Accepted file types include mp4, mpeg, avi, mov and mpeg4 (Each file uploaded field is limited to 200MB per submission), or YouTube or Vimeo link to be provided in the upload form.

13) If supporting documentation is required and not provided in the attachments tab of the Awards system, the relevant entry or entries may not be considered for judging.

14) All supporting material loaded into the Award system must be clearly labelled with the name of the organisations and any necessary details. i.e title of nomination

15) All entries may be reproduced to promote the Awards and to champion the excellent work of the not-for-profit sector.
   If entrants do not own all copyright or there are restrictions in your right to use, any material included in your entry, it is the entrant’s responsibility to obtain permission from all relevant third parties for Connecting Up to use the entry as described.

16) Awards judges’ decisions are final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the judging process or any outcomes reached.

17) Award winners may be asked to make themselves available for other Connecting Up (TechSoup NZ) activities outside the awards ceremony such as being involved in media and communications following the awards.

18) Connecting Up (TechSoup NZ) may extend any deadline or time limit, terminate the Awards or vary the terms of entry at any time and for any reason at its sole discretion. Connecting Up (TechSoup NZ) may also choose not to present any given award if none of the nominees sufficiently meet the qualifications for that award.

19) If an entry receives an award, the manner and details of announcing that nomination and award is strictly within the discretion of Connecting Up. The entrant understands that all awards may not be given or publicized in the same manner.