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What a night we had at the 2026 REC Awards!

It was a privilege to host the Awards this year. It was our chance to step back, celebrate this brilliant industry and recognise the difference recruitment and talent specialists make every day. Now more than ever, the work you do helping people take the first or next step in their careers and finding businesses the talent they need to grow, deserves that recognition.

Our shortlisted firms and individuals showed our industry at its very best: ambitious, resilient and always looking ahead. That spirit was reflected in two new categories this year, recognising the technology shaping the future of recruitment and the fantastic work of in-house recruiters.

Huge congratulations to everyone shortlisted, and a special thank you to our sponsors for making the evening possible!



Maxine Bligh
Interim Chief Executive, REC

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The judges

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Maxine Bligh

Interim CEO,
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Beth Foley

Chief Revenue Officer,
Liquid Friday



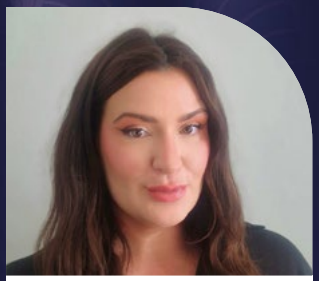
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Employment & Recruitment Federation



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Managing Consultant, ISE Partners, REC Recruiter of the Year 2025



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Best Newcomer in Recruitment

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Stonehouse Recruitment Group



Shortlisted entries

Emma Foers
TIB Services

Stevie Gilberthorpe
S4S Team

Annika Jones
Eurobase People

Amia Rizzo
Teaching Personnel

Hannah Shepherd
Altitude Select

Temporary Recruiter of the Year

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Richard Shorrock

Spencer Clarke Group



Shortlisted entries

Ben Hitchman
Carrington West

Anna Laszkowska Hexagon Recruitment Partners

Ben Record
Tradewind Recruitment

Liam Shea Carrington West

Kelly Staunton
Perfect Recruitment

Steph Watson
Sanza Teaching Agency

Kelly Webster
Menlo Park Recruitment

Andrew Williams
Hernshead Group

Permanent Recruiter of the Year

Sian-Marie Sheppard

KSB Recruitment Consultants



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Adam O'Keefe
Eurobase People

Shortlisted entries

Chelsea Gallagher
Altitude Select

Harry Porter
De Lacy Executive

Agency Star of the Year

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Jeremy Newell

Rapid Personnel



Shortlisted entries

Rebecca Brown
Hernshead Group

Ellie Bryant
KSB Recruitment Consultants

Hannah Bush Allen Associates

Bee Itkerd Hernshead Group

Maxime Robert VHR

John Shorrock
Spencer Clarke Group

Jen Tivey
Link3 Recruitment

Candidate Experience of the Year

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Chantelle Wooldridge

Tile Hill



Shortlisted entries

Chris Barrow
Tile Hill

Jake Beechey
Stonehouse Recruitment Group

Courtney Cox
Hamptons Resourcing

John Curmi
Eurobase People

Business Leader of the Year (turnover under £10m)

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Dawn Bannister

KSB Recruitment Consultants



HIGHLY COMMENDED

Tom Johnson
Hernshead Group

Shortlisted entries

Leigh Ablett
Titan Recruitment Solutions

Lynn James-Wellings
Care First 24

Sohan Modi
Stonehouse Recruitment Group

Grace Nugent
De Lacy Executive

Max Pembleton
Link3 Recruitment

Ben Sayer
Altitude Select

Business Leader of the Year (turnover over £10m)

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Ciara Pryce

VGC Group



HIGHLY COMMENDED

Frank Atkinson
Staffline Recruitment

Shortlisted entries

Esme Bianchi-Barry
Affinity Workforce Solutions

Danny Brooks MBE VHR

Novo Constare Indeed Flex

Anth Hudson
StaffPower Group

Jason Thomas
THOMAS Recruitment Group

Niki Turner-Harding Adecco

Amit Warwatkar
Pracyva

Lifetime Achievement Award

Tim Cook



Recruitment Team of the Year

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Staffline Recruitment

Shortlisted entries

Carrington West

Inflow Partnership

Menlo Park Recruitment

Milestone Education

TIB Services

Titan Recruitment Solutions

VGC Group

Shared Services Team of the Year

Pracyva



Pracyva
Advancing People & Pursuit

Shortlisted entries

Carrington West

Stonehouse Recruitment Group

STR

Tile Hill

Tradewind Recruitment

In-House Recruitment Team of the Year

Stellar Omada



Shortlisted entries

ManpowerGroup

Best Use of Technology Award

Staffline Recruitment



Staffline

Shortlisted entries

Cititec Talent

Indeed Flex

MPS Healthcare

Impact on a Client's Business Award

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Shortlisted entries

- Contract Scotland
- Eden Brown Synergy
- KX Recruit
- Rapid Personnel
- Staffline Recruitment
- TIB Services
- Tile Hill
- VHR

Demonstrating High Standards in Recruitment Award

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Eden Brown Synergy



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Shortlisted entries

- Altitude Select
- Arc Hospitality Recruitment Solutions
- Drivestaff Recruitment
- HG Recruitment Solutions
- Milestone Education
- STR
- VHR
- Yolk Recruitment

Community Impact of the Year

Brightwork Staffline



Shortlisted entries

Blue Diamond Recruitment

Milestone Education

Ongo Recruitment

Rapid Personnel

Rise Technical Recruitment

Spencer Clarke Group

TIB Services

VGC Group

Diversity Initiative of the Year

Tile Hill



Shortlisted entries

Blue Arrow

ManpowerGroup

Pracyva

VGC Group

VHR

UK Supplier to the Recruitment Industry of the Year

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Shortlisted entries

JMW Solicitors LLP

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Best Company to work for (up to 20 employees)

Tiro Associates



Shortlisted entries

BRG Specialist Recruitment

Hernshead Group

Sanza Teaching Agency

Stonehouse Recruitment Group

Best Company to work for (up to 50 employees)

Yolk Recruitment



Shortlisted entries

Care First 24

Link3 Recruitment

Titan Recruitment Solutions

Best Company to work for (over 50 employees)

Matchtech



Shortlisted entries

- Carrington West
- Eden Brown Synergy
- HG Recruitment Solutions
- Pracyva
- Rise Technical Recruitment
- Spencer Clarke Group
- Tradewind Recruitment
- VHR

Special Award Winner

Recruiter of the Year 2026

Richard Shorrock



Congratulations to our winners in 2026



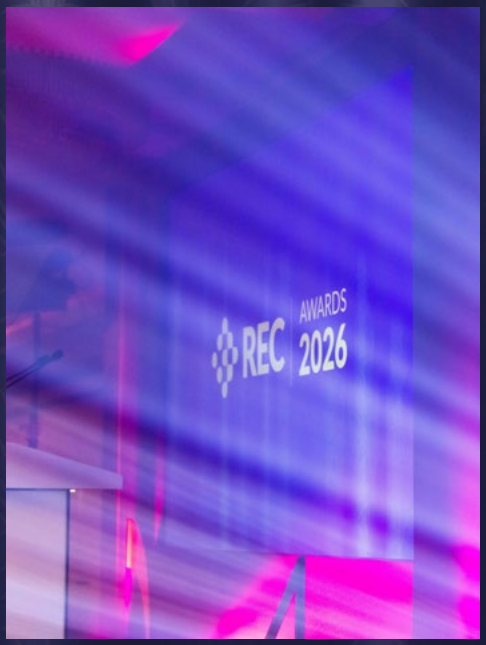
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