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CLOTHING AWARDS**  
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## The 2018 Professional Clothing Awards



Bringing the entire professional clothing industry together over the last 10 years, The Professional Clothing Awards are delighted to be returning in 2018 with the kind support of their partners ANIVEC, the Portuguese Association of Clothing and Apparel Industry, together with APICCAPS, the Portuguese Footwear, Components, Leather Goods Manufacturers' Association, and CENIT – Centro de Inteligência Têxtil.

Hosted by Sharron Davies, MBE, and Toastmaster Reuben Lynch, the highly sought-after awards will cover all facets of the working garment industry from Business Manager Awards, PPE Innovation Awards, Supplier, Manufacturer and Distributor Awards and Industry Recognition Awards. 2018 also sees the return of 'VISION', our quest to shine a light on student designers looking to make their mark on the professional clothing industry.

The Professional Clothing Awards has grown across the globe and in 2018 we will continue expanding by welcoming student designers from the UK, Ireland, Portugal, France and Germany. Kindly sponsored by INVISTA CORDURA Brand, YKK and Gerber Technology, the contest requires students to share their vision of stylish, functional professional clothing (corporatewear, workwear and PPE (personal protective equipment)) that can be worn for a specific job role in a sector of their choice. The goal is for the students to deliver innovative designs that truly meet the needs of today's workers protecting them in their daily environment. The competition is only open to students who are 18 years of age or older and who are enrolled in a full-time course at one of the participating schools, colleges or universities:

- London College of Fashion (UK)
- Manchester Metropolitan (UK)
- De Montfort University (UK)
- Bedford College (UK)
- University of Northampton (UK)
- University of Brighton (UK)
- Letterkenny Institute of Technology (Ireland)
- ESMOD International (France)
- L'Académie Internationale de Coupe de Paris (France)
- Hochschule Niederrhein - University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
- FAUL - Faculdade de Arquitetura da Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal)

10 finalists will be selected from the entries and invited to bring their designs to life, with each student creating one showcase outfit. The judging panel will comprise of representatives with experience in the professional clothing industry, workwear garment development and product design, including, Sandra Mazza, Product Manager at Vivienne Westwood Ltd.

In addition, Badgemaster is kindly giving you the chance to win a pair of tickets to this truly international affair and we have two sets of two tickets to giveaway! Not only will you and your guest enjoy a cocktail reception followed by a 5-course banquet, but you will also have the opportunity to network with over 500 industry peers, including the leaders and innovators within your sector. The prize also includes overnight accommodation in a double or twin room, plus breakfast, at The Park Plaza London Riverbank, the venue of the awards gala dinner.

Held on Wednesday 20th June 2018 at The Park Plaza London Riverbank, the Awards will be running alongside Safety & Health Expo from 19th – 21st June part of the UBM PLC, which hosts the Professional Clothing Show. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their kind support at both the Show and Awards and look forward to welcoming you all in June.

**Book your tickets now before we sell out! Tickets prices are £299.00 + VAT per person or book a table of ten for £2,600 + VAT. You can also book your rooms at The Park Plaza London Riverbank, starting from £159.00, and for further information please contact Amy Lewis via: E: [amylewisdirectore@gmail.com](mailto:amylewisdirectore@gmail.com), T: +44 (0)1908 658890 or visit: [www.professionalclothingawards.com](http://www.professionalclothingawards.com).**