

Editorial Intelligence announces shortlists for the First UK Comment Awards

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London, 15th September 2009.

Editorial Intelligence (www.editorialintelligence.com) announces the category shortlists for the inaugural Comment Awards, which will celebrate the achievements of the finest print and online commentators, bloggers, and their editors - the first awards of their kind.

The judges, chaired by **Sir Christopher Meyer**, have decided on a shortlist of three candidates from a crowded field of nominees across the 'Commentariat' and the 'Bloggertariat' in 12 different categories.

Sir Christopher said: "The quality of the shortlists is extremely high, reflecting the importance which the UK media put on comment and opinion both in print and online. It was only proper that there were a few squabbles - but no fights - on the judging panels and I am satisfied that the shortlists represent the cream of the UK commentariat. I am sure that these awards will go from strength to strength."

The winners will be announced on Tuesday 13th October over a champagne breakfast, with commentator and broadcaster **Peter York** as the MC. The proceedings will be filmed by awards broadcast partner, **Policy Review Interactive**. Sir Christopher will also be announcing a special Chairman's Choice award.

The Comment Awards are in association with lead awards partner, **Jaguar Land Rover** and category sponsors as listed below.

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The Comment Awards - Categories Shortlists

Best Comment Pages *sponsored by Edelman*

Shortlist: **Financial Times**
The Observer
The Times

Commentariat of the Year *sponsored by Jaguar Land Rover*

Shortlist: **David Aaronovitch**, The Times
Johann Hari, The Independent
Martin Wolf, Financial Times

Cultural Commentator *sponsored by Arts & Business*

Shortlist: **AA Gill**, The Sunday Times
Johann Hari, The Independent
Catherine Mayer, TIME Magazine

Diary Comment Page *sponsored by Atlantic Books*

Shortlist: **Atticus**, The Sunday Times
Matthew Bell, The Independent on Sunday Diary
Londoner's Diary, London Evening Standard

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Category Judges

Norman Baker MP
Camila Batmanghelidjh
Robert Berkeley
Martin Bright
Charlie Burgess
Iain Dale
Annette Dittert
David Farnsworth
Stephen Fleming
Kim Fletcher
Bruno Giussani
AC Grayling
Krishnan Guru-Murthy
Matthew Gwyther
Tara Hamilton-Miller
Fraser Hardie
Julia Hobsbawm
Dylan Jones
Baroness Helena Kennedy QC
Horatia Lawson
David Lowish
Nico Macdonald
Kit Malthouse
Stryker McGuire
Caroline Michel
Paul Miller
Clarence Mitchell
Steve Moore
Suzanne Moore
Sanjay Nazerali
Lucy Neville-Rolfe CMG
Claire Oldfield
Ben Page
Matt Peacock
Shyama Perera
Richard Reeves
Danny Rogers
Geraldine Sharpe-Newton
Jag Singh
Neil Stewart
Charles Stewart-Smith
Ed Stourton
Matthew Taylor
Jonathan Tuchner
Ed Vaizey MP
Simon Warr
Derek Wyatt MP



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Best Environment Comment *sponsored by Climate Change Capital*
Shortlist: **Camilla Cavendish**, The Times
Johann Hari, The Independent
Geoffrey Lean, The Daily Telegraph (formerly at The Independent)

Financial Commentator *sponsored by Nationwide*
Shortlist: **Alex Brummer**, Daily Mail
Camilla Cavendish, The Times
Martin Wolf, Financial Times

Magazine Commentator (including trade media and weeklies) *sponsored by Green Thing (Dothegreenthing.com)*
Shortlist: **Alex Brummer**, New Statesman
Andrew Miller, The Economist
Sathnam Sanghera, Times 2

Media Commentator *sponsored by BT*
Shortlist: **Stephen Glover**, The Independent
Jeff Jarvis, The Guardian
Peter Preston, The Guardian and The Observer

Online Commentator (independent blogger) *sponsored by Cision*
Shortlist: **Iain Dale**, www.iaindale.blogspot.com
Chris Dillow, www.stumblingandmumbling.typepad.com
Guido Fawkes, www.order-order.com

Online Newspaper Blog *sponsored by MessageSpace*
Shortlist: **FT Alphaville**, Financial Times
Coffee House, The Spectator
Comment Central, The Times

Poison Pen: Polemicist of the Year *sponsored by Demos*
Shortlist: **David Aaronovitch**, The Times
Johann Hari, The Independent
Richard Littlejohn, Daily Mail

Political Commentator *sponsored by Weber Shandwick*
Shortlist: **Daniel Finkelstein**, The Times
Andrew Miller, The Economist
Fraser Nelson, The Spectator and News of the World (formerly at The Daily Telegraph)

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Notes to Editors:

1. Editorial Intelligence (ei) is the media analysis and networking business that coined the phrase 'Commentariat' to describe the increasingly influential world of comment and opinion. ei is a new kind of media business which runs an agenda-setting opinion former network - the ei Club - for individual and corporate members alike. ei works with some of the largest and most innovative brands in business, politics and the non-profit worlds, producing special events, from the unique 'British Davos' symposium Names Not Numbers to these UK Comment Awards. ei also runs modern training programmes for in-house teams and publishes thought leader opinion publications and broadcasting via eiTV. Editorial Intelligence's signature product is the ei Digest - a direct-to-inbox capsule summary of the day's UK comment media in print and online.

2. Category judges have only been assigned to judge award categories for which they have not been nominated or in which they have no existing connection or interest. This process is being monitored by Sir Christopher Meyer as chairman of the judging panel.

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