

Editorial Intelligence announces shortlists for

The Comment Awards 2010

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Editorial Intelligence, the media, analysis and networking business (www.editorialintelligence.com), announces the category shortlists for The Comment Awards 2010, celebrating the achievements of the finest print and online commentators and their editors over the past year.

The judges, chaired by **Baroness Helena Kennedy QC**, have narrowed down the many nominees across newspapers and the blogosphere to decide upon shortlisted candidates for each of the 13 categories open for public nominations.

The category judges include **Diane Abbott MP**; **Greg Hands MP**, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer; **Howell James CBE**, Head of Corporate Affairs, Barclays; **Tony Halmos**, Director of Public Relations for City of London Corporation; **Deborah Mattinson** from Britain Thinks; **Stephen Quinn**, Publisher, Vogue; **Michael Prescott**, Group Director of Communications, BT; **Sir John Hegarty**, Worldwide Creative Director, Bartle Bogle Hegarty; **Luke Syson**, Head of Research, National Gallery and newscaster **Jon Snow**.

Baroness Kennedy said: *"I have very much enjoyed being a part of the judging process for the second Comment Award. Challenging, incisive commentary off and online is such an important factor in shaping debate and public opinion. I believe this is represented across the board in the fine work of the candidates we have shortlisted today."*

The winners will be announced on Thursday 21st October 2010 over a champagne breakfast hosted by commentator, broadcaster and ei associate, **Peter York**. Baroness Kennedy will also be announcing a special Chair's Choice award.

The Comment Awards 2010 are being held in association with lead awards partner Jaguar Land Rover, corporate partner Barclays, and category sponsors as listed below.

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The Comment Awards 2010 - Categories Shortlist

Commentariat of the Year - Sponsored by Jaguar Land Rover

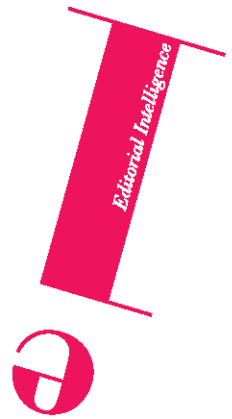
Shortlist*: **Jonathan Freedland**, The Guardian
Marina Hyde, The Guardian
Simon Jenkins, London Evening Standard and The Guardian
Jenni Russell, The Sunday Times and The Guardian

Best Blogger - Sponsored by Race Online 2012

Shortlist: **Melanie Phillips**, Spectator.co.uk
Nick Robinson, BBC
Paul Waugh, London Evening Standard

Best Blog Site - Sponsored by Talk About Autism

Shortlist: **Coffee House**, The Spectator
Comment is Free, The Guardian
Telegraph Blogs, Telegraph Media Group



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Best Comment Pages - Sponsored by the Editorial Intelligence 'ei Digest'

Shortlist: **Financial Times**
London Evening Standard
The Times

Cultural Commentator - Sponsored by Somerset House Trust

Shortlist: **Peter Aspden**, Financial Times
Christopher Hitchens, Vanity Fair
Mark Lawson, The Guardian

Diary Page - Sponsored by Atlantic Books

Shortlist: **Diary - As told to Craig Brown**, Private Eye
Matthew Bell, The Independent on Sunday Diary
Londoner's Diary, London Evening Standard

Environment Commentator - Sponsored by Green Thing (Dothegreenthing.com)

Shortlist: **Charles Clover**, The Sunday Times
Johann Hari, The Independent
George Monbiot, The Guardian

Financial Commentator - Sponsored by Nationwide

Shortlist: **Andrew Hill**, Financial Times
Anatole Kaletsky, The Times
Martin Wolf, Financial Times

Foreign Commentator - Sponsored by the British Council

Shortlist: **Patrick Cockburn**, The Independent
Bronwen Maddox, The Times
Gideon Rachman, Financial Times

Magazine Commentator (including trade media, weeklies and monthlies) – Sponsored by the APA

Shortlist: **Christopher Hitchens**, Vanity Fair
"Mrs Money Penny", FT Magazine
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

Political Commentator - Sponsored by Weber Shandwick

Shortlist: **Matthew D'Ancona**, London Evening Standard and The Sunday Telegraph
Daniel Finkelstein, The Times
Marina Hyde, The Guardian

Westminster Villager (Political Sketch) - Sponsored by Policy Exchange

Shortlist: **Simon Hoggart**, The Guardian
Quentin Letts, Daily Mail
Ann Treneman, The Times

*a tie between shortlisted candidates led to an extra name on the shortlist for this category

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Notes to Editors:

- 1) Editorial Intelligence is a media, analysis and networking business which runs an opinion former network including a range of thought leader events – the ei Club - for individuals and corporate members alike, and has a varied annual special events and publishing programme: www.editorialintelligence.com.
- 2) Further details for the The Comment Awards 2010 including eligibility and judging criteria are on www.commentawards.com. Nominations were open 1st June 2010 – 31st July 2010 inclusive.
- 3) The judging process has been monitored for fairness by Baroness Helena Kennedy QC as chair of the judges.
- 4) Awards partner: Jaguar Land Rover; corporate partner: Barclays; category sponsors include APA, British Council, BT, Nationwide and Weber Shandwick.