



# ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS 2025

A tribute to the memory of Renée Dangoor and Sir Naim Dangoor CBE  
who were dedicated to changing lives and building futures.



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*"I am very pleased to be involved with the WIZO Entrepreneur Awards. WIZO has a long history of shining a spotlight on special people whose hard work and creativity add so much value to society. This opportunity to highlight the entrepreneurial spirit and talent of young people alongside established entrepreneurs promises to be transformative."*

David Dangoor CBE DL

The Entrepreneur Awards 2025 follow the hugely successful Commitment Awards which began in 2013, and will focus on outstanding entrepreneurs who have or are using innovation and the generation of new ideas to positively impact the world around them.

For over 100 years, throughout its 800 projects and programmes, WIZO has responded to evolving social challenges in Israel. WIZO's huge impact and ability to rebuild lives and look to the future has never been more crucial as we see a nation in trauma following October 7 and the subsequent conflict. The nominees and award winners will reflect the innovation, passion and values of WIZO and its mission to empower and enable fulfilled individuals and contributing citizens.

As with WIZO's vital work, the Awards are open to all, regardless of race, religion, gender or age who fit the criteria outlined in the categories indicated. We look forward to receiving your nominations and hope that you will help us recognise the amazing work of entrepreneurs in the Entrepreneur Awards 2025.

Thank you

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Danielle Shane  
Interim Chair WIZOUK

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Maureen Fisher  
CEO WIZOUK

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**CHAIR: Claude Littner**

Claude Littner is a British-American business executive and the former chairman of Viglen, Powerleague and ASCO, and Chief Executive of Tottenham Hotspur. He is also known for being Lord Sugar's long standing business associate and 'aide' on The Apprentice. Claude is visiting Professor at the University of West London and founder of the Claude Littner Business School.

**Charly Young MBE**

Charly Young MBE, a social entrepreneur and mentor with over 13 years of experience in the non-profit sector, has been instrumental in helping charities start and build their strategies and their impact.

In 2013, she co-founded The Girls' Network, an award-winning charity dedicated to empowering 14–19-year-old girls from disadvantaged communities across England by providing them with female mentors and a network of professional role models.

As a former secondary school teacher, Charly saw first-hand how gender and socioeconomic background could limit young women's aspirations and opportunities.

**Stephen Pollard**

Stephen Pollard is a British journalist, author, and commentator. He served as the editor of The Jewish Chronicle from 2008 until December 2021 and led the paper and community through Labour's antisemitism crisis. He continues to contribute as a columnist for the publication.

As a journalist, Stephen has contributed to various British newspapers, including The Times, Daily Mail, The Independent, and The Sunday Telegraph. He is also the author of several books, notably a biography of former British Home Secretary David Blunkett published in 2004.

He is currently focused on writing a history of Jewish migration.

**Lisa Kay**

Lisa Kay knows a thing or two about growing a successful business. Her shoes are worn by everyone from Julia Roberts to the Jewish mother of the bride. She launched Sole Bliss in 2017 with just four designs and now the brand boasts more than 300, which are worn by a roster of royals and celebrities including Queen Camilla, Oprah Winfrey, Helen Mirren, Davina McCall, Stacey Solomon and more. Her company - Sole Bliss - came 58th in The Sunday Times guide to Britain's fastest growing businesses.

*For over a century, WIZO has significantly impacted the lives of countless Israeli citizens regardless of race, religion or gender. Addressing and anticipating the needs of an evolving society, WIZO's vital entrepreneurial spirit has worked hand in hand with professional expertise to provide individuals with the tools and opportunities to believe in themselves and a bright successful future. The ethos of giving back has played a major role in the careers of WIZO graduates and beneficiaries, who are always giving back to the community.*

**Creative/Start Up Entrepreneur of The Year –**  
**This category is open to businesses under 3 years old.**

Creative Entrepreneurs are imaginative individuals who infuse artistic flair into the business landscape, using their creativity to develop unique products, services and experiences that stand out from the crowd. These businesses often span various creative fields like design, art, music, fashion and more.

Fueled by determination and creativity, the candidate will be a catalyst for change, injecting energy and innovation into their industry while carving their own unique path to success.

**Innovation Entrepreneur of The Year –**

This award recognises individuals who have demonstrated exceptional creativity, originality and entrepreneurial spirit in their pursuit of new ideas and innovative solutions. Spearheaded by entrepreneurs who are dedicated to introducing novel and groundbreaking ideas to the market, these individuals thrive on pushing boundaries and challenging the status quo. An example might be a commitment to sustainability achieving economic growth whilst protecting the environment.

**Purpose Entrepreneur of The Year –**

Purpose Entrepreneurs prioritise making a positive impact on society or the environment through their business endeavours. They often create products, services or business models that align with their values and contribute to a greater cause. This category celebrates the exceptional achievements of entrepreneurs who have built successful businesses with a deep sense of purpose and a commitment to creating positive social and environmental impact.

**Young Entrepreneur of The Year -**

**This category is open to candidates under the age of 30 at the time of nomination.**

They are driven by fresh perspectives, boundless energy, and a hunger to make their mark. These trailblazers leverage their youth and creativity to develop innovative ideas, showing that age is no barrier to creating successful start ups and introducing novel concepts that challenge the room.

**Female Entrepreneur of the Year –**

The successful candidate will exemplify the leadership in her field, demonstrating the importance of entrepreneurship to effect positive change and will have achieved tangible and material entrepreneurial success.

**Public Sector Entrepreneur of the Year –**

This award recognizes entrepreneurial initiatives by public entities or individuals who have performed exceptionally going over, above and beyond the call of duty to make a tangible difference to the community and the lives of citizens. Examples of sectors would include Health Care, Water Services, Emergency Services, Transportation and Recycling among others.

## NOMINATED BY:

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Signature:

Date:

## I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE:

Name:

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## FOR THE FOLLOWING ENTREPRENEUR AWARD:

Please tick as appropriate and complete the following page.

- ☐ Creative/Start Up Entrepreneur of The Year -This category is open to businesses under 3 years old
- ☐ Innovation Entrepreneur of The Year
- ☐ Purpose Entrepreneur of The Year
- ☐ Young Entrepreneur of The Year - This category is open to candidates under the age of 30
- ☐ Female Entrepreneur of the Year
- ☐ Public Sector Entrepreneur of the Year

This form should be completed and returned by 30 May 2025 to Emma Yantin - [emma@wizouk.org](mailto:emma@wizouk.org)

For additional copies of this form please email Emma Yantin. It can also be completed online at [www.wizouk.org](http://www.wizouk.org)

### Key Dates

Reception in London - July 2025

Presentation event in London - 8 September 2025

Prize Winners trip to Israel - Date to be confirmed



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In no more than 500 words please let us know why you are nominating this person:



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## 10 THINGS ABOUT WIZO

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1 - WIZO is the largest social welfare organisation in Israel working with the Israeli Government, empowering individuals, regardless of age, race or religion, to be confident, contributing members of Israeli society.

2 - WIZO's 800 projects include day care centres, vocational training schools, shelters, dedicated hotlines, centres for girls at-risk, foster homes, youth clubs, youth villages and boarding schools.

3 - WIZO day care centres look after 25,000 children and babies, many offering specialised support for children at-risk from social workers and psychologists.

4 - WIZO runs leadership and empowerment programmes for at-risk teenage girls, providing therapy and the tools to believe in themselves and find a successful path.

5 - 5,500 students attend WIZO's five youth villages, many from disadvantaged backgrounds with 20% living in the dormitories. Students are cared for and encouraged to become successful, educated and rounded individuals.

6 - WIZO's vocational high school provides life-changing support for teenagers with severe emotional and behavioural problems who have left mainstream education. Students graduate in hairdressing, catering or music technology.

7 - WIZO shelters protect women and children suffering from domestic abuse and provide ongoing support for them to start independent and happy lives and escape the cycle of violence.

8 - WIZO runs the only violent men's hotline assisting men to take responsibility for their actions and guiding them towards dealing with their anger in non-violent ways.

9 - The WIZO Rule, a 2021 groundbreaking law passed in the Knesset, initiated, written and advanced by WIZO, requires men subject to restraining orders to receive behavioural and psychological treatment to break the future cycle of violence. This highlights WIZO's huge impact in tackling domestic violence.

10 - WIZO's leadership programmes train women for high-level managerial and political positions nationwide.

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