

Best Emerging Event Professional 2021

Who should enter?

Event professionals with **under five years' professional experience** on the close of the qualifying period (5 April 2021), who demonstrate leadership and potential in the industry. Entrants may be directly involved in delivering events, or provide event support through a venue, supplier or local government. Note: there is no age restriction.

Eligibility:

Nominees for the Emerging Event Professional of the Year award must meet the following eligibility criteria and may be requested to provide evidence to prove criteria:

- Entries may be by nomination, or an individual can nominate themselves.
- The candidate must be a member of the New Zealand Events Association.
- Candidates must be a New Zealand based event professional.

Judging Criteria:

Each entry must begin with a brief CV (two-page limit) so judges can receive an overview of the candidate's work experiences, training or education, and job specifications. Please also list events the candidate is involved in to ensure at least 50% have been undertaken in NZ with overseas work demonstrating a transfer of learning to a New Zealand context.

Each entry must provide two references or testimonials (with contact details of the named persons).

Entries (maximum 1,500 words excluding references) must respond to the following assessment criteria:

1. Management (15%)

- a. Over the nineteen months of the qualifying period, what were the candidate's responsibilities and management competencies and what were their outstanding achievements? E.g. organiser capability, commercial viability/financial sustainability and long-term business goals/stability), support/management of staff, etc.

2. Leadership (15%)

- a. Over the nineteen months of the qualifying period, how did the candidate demonstrate excellence in leadership in a range of event management contexts. E.g. resilience, adaptiveness, responding to the COVID environment, living organisational values, leadership of staff, and participation in professional development.

3. Stakeholders (15%)

- a. In the nineteen months of the qualifying period, how did the candidate work with and deliver superior results to stakeholders in the event sector? E.g. the satisfaction of attendees, sponsors and volunteers (if applicable) perhaps via marketing plan, regional/national/international profile, impact/media coverage, etc.

4. Innovation (15%)

- a. Over the nineteen months of the qualifying period, how did the candidate illustrate a commitment to innovation to constantly improve and develop their event strategy and/or event delivery? E.g. audience engagement, virtual/digital platforms, growth / business plan, marketing plan, driving domestic visitation, economic/social contributions to host city/region.

5. Contribution (15%)

- a. What is the candidate's contribution to the industry beyond the parameters of their core work? E.g. capability building, mentoring, governance roles, volunteer work, etc.

6. Commitment to sustainability (15%)

- a. What is your event's commitment to sustainability? Note that your response should include environmental sustainability (e.g. mitigation strategies to limit the negative impact on the environment/reduce the impact on climate change), economic sustainability (e.g. financial stability, managing resources, etc. to ensure long-term viability), and social sustainability (e.g. governance, stakeholder relationships, social legacy outcomes, etc).
- b. How did you demonstrate this?

7. Judges' discretion (10%)