



International Association
for Public Participation

2009 Official Entry Kit



ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CORE VALUES AWARDS

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CORE VALUES AWARDS 2009

IAP2, the international leader in public participation, has developed the "IAP2 Core Values for Public Participation". These core values identify the aspects of public participation that transcend national, language and cultural boundaries. Each year the prestigious Core Values Awards attract international applicants, and preference will be given to projects that demonstrate the use of innovative techniques, sustainable solutions to problems that face the field of public participation, and the successful involvement of the public in new areas.

CORE VALUES FOR THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
2. Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
3. Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
4. Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
5. Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
6. Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
7. Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

AWARD WINNERS SAY:

As a local government, we must always remember that the people are the government and that an essential part of our daily work is to vigorously pursue efforts to bring all voices to the table in ways that are meaningful to our community members and that authentically consider all perspectives. Because of this, we could not have received a greater honor than the Core Values Award for Project of the Year in 2006. This award has inspired us to keep doing this challenging and invaluable work within our community, and has been a catalyst for expanding our organization's capacity to sustain our public involvement efforts.

Karen Roney, Community Services Director, City of Longmont, Colorado, USA

Winning the Core Values Award for Project of the Year in 2008 brought attention to Capital Health's focus on public participation and demonstrated that there was a place for citizens in making decisions and setting priorities in our organization. The Award was also important recognition on an international stage and a step towards our vision of becoming a world-leading health care organization.

Chris Power, President and CEO, Capital Health, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

HOW TO ENTER

There is a step-by-step guide on the website go to www.iap2.org and click onto Core Values and you will find the menu with all the information you need there including the Core Values Award style guide. This year there are 3 categories – Project of the Year, Organization of the Year and Innovation of the Year.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Please note to be eligible for an award you or your nominee must be a current member of IAP2. All submissions will need to be compliant with the style guide to be considered and will need to be accompanied by an administration entry fee of \$100 USD. No individual correspondence will be entered into and the judges' decision will be final.

PAYMENT METHODS

All fees are to be paid in US Dollars by check or by bank transfer. If you wish to do a bank transfer contact dina@iap2.org, who will provide you with account details.

CREATING A WINNING ENTRY

Start with the Core Values

Think about the Core Values in relation to your project or organization. How does your project relate to the focus of this year's Core Values Awards - making sustainable decisions?

Build the submission

Map out the work and the time line. Brainstorm an outline and gather and review the data. Draft the remaining sections and get feedback on the draft

Finalize the entry.

Revise and enhance content with weblinks, photos or images. Give careful thought to your participant references and complete the Case Study Summary.

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The deadline for applications is June 1, 2009 12 noon Pacific Time (US/Canada).

The winners will be honored during the Core Values award celebration during the IAP2 17th International Conference in San Diego on September 21 -23 2009.

THIS YEAR THERE ARE 3 AWARDS CATEGORIES

INNOVATION USING TECHNOLOGY AWARD

This is the first time this award has been offered and it is being introduced to encourage and foster those who are using information communication technologies in public participation. The winner will receive half of the sponsorship money for future education opportunities.

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR and PROJECT OF THE YEAR

The Organization of the Year Award will be given to the organization that best meets the application criteria. The Project of the Year Award will be given only to projects that have achieved a definable outcome. They must be complete or have significant phases of the project completed. Project awards are given to the sponsoring organization. Winning these awards is highly valued and demonstrates lifelong commitment and evidence of applying the core values in projects, policies and practices. Winners attract the attention of potential employees, peers and competitors.

JUDGES

Each year an international judging panel is formed to assess the applications and this year the Judging Panel will be led by 2008 Project of the Year winner **Geoff Wilson** from Capital Health Nova Scotia, Canada. He will be joined by a panel from academia, media and practitioners in the field. This year's panel includes:

Dr. Patricia Wilson, University of Texas, Austin USA

Chad Foulkes South Coast Shire, Victoria, Australia

Lynne Gillette, US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, USA

Sandy Heierbacher, National Coalition for Deliberation and Dialogue, USA

Sandra McBrayer, The Children's Initiative, San Diego, USA

Dr. Alice Siu, Center for Deliberative Democracy, Stanford University USA

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have questions please submit them in writing to moira@iap2.org and put in the subject line Core Values 2009. All answers will be posted on the IAP2 blog in the interests of access and equity to all queries and no correspondence to individuals will be entered into.

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