



CIEH Rising Star Award Criteria 2026

Entries and nominations are expected to be diverse and to showcase the breadth of work being carried out by environmental health professionals and services across all employment sectors in the UK.

Judges will give specific consideration to:

- Improvement to public health and wellbeing
- Reduction in health inequality
- Improvements to public protection
- Promotion of sustainability

Who should enter

Open to self-nominations and peer nominations, across all EH sectors and UK regions. This category recognises an individual who is a student or apprentice in EH, or in the first three years of their professional career who demonstrates initiative and inspirational qualities in the field of environmental health (entry to relate to between 1 January 2025 and 10 May 2026), in no more than **800 words**.

Criteria

- Overview of this person's experience and commitment to professional development, with work-related achievements, ideally with measurable results.
- **Summary of a project / initiative** which best demonstrates this person's qualities in terms of an impact to health, wellbeing and environment. This includes background and context, involvement of and approach taken by this individual, evaluation of performance and the outcome of their involvement.
- **Future contribution:** How this individual / you will make a positive contribution to the EH profession in their / your future career.
- Recommended to include stakeholder endorsement/ testimonials

In addition to the 800-word (max) entry, an **overarching summary** (of no more than **100 words**) must be submitted to give an outline of this person's achievements. This summary may be used in marketing material for the awards.