



Women in Travel CIC reveals the shortlist of the IWTTF Awards 2024 celebrating DEI in the travel industry

- Companies represented include BCD Travel, the Conscious Travel Foundation, Intrepid Travel, G Adventures, The Travel Corporation and Trip.com -



London, 19 June 2023: [Women in Travel CIC](#) has today revealed the finalists of the [IWTTF Awards 2024](#), ahead of the Awards ceremony in London on Wednesday 26 June.

The [International Women in Travel and Tourism Forum](#) (IWTTF) Awards will take place over a drinks reception at the offices of Expedia in Angel and will celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion in the travel, tourism and hospitality industries.

Now in their second year, the awards have been expanded to encompass eight categories, and reflect Women in Travel CIC's core values such as Leadership, Talent and Recruitment, Allyship and DEI. New

categories this year include Female in Travel Tech, Mentor of the Year and Mentee of the Year. Each category has two opportunities to win - at individual and at company level - recognising both individuals and businesses for their endeavours, achievements and progress in the DEI space in the industry.

The finalists announced today are as follows:

DEI Champions

Company

- The Conscious Travel Foundation
- Rise Travel Institute
- Visit Santa Marta and Vívolo Café
- The Athenaeum Hotel & Residences

Individual

- Tiffany Casson, Inntel Ltd
- Michael Dominguez, Associated Luxury Hotels International
- Rebecca Jacques, BCD Travel

DEI Professionals

Company

- Red Carnation Hotels
- Rise Travel Institute
- Travel Matters

Individual

- Annaliesa Chapman, The Travel Corporation
- Agnelo Fernandes, G Adventures
- Andrea Giroux, Cote Family

Allyship Heroes

Company

- Insight Vacations
- Trip.com
- Visit Santa Marta and Vivolo Café

Individual

- Tami Fairweather, Fairweather Communications
- Debbie O'Neill, Jules Verne
- Laura Roe, Expedia Group

Talent and Recruitment

Company

- BCD Travel
- Invisible Cities

Individual

- Annaliesa Chapman, The Travel Corporation
- Sian Evans, RoadChef

Female in Travel Tech

Corporate

- Mercedes Blanco, The Hotels Network
- Sarah Hillman, The Travel Corporation
- Shayna Zand, WeTravel

Entrepreneur

- Stephanie Boyle, Arwen Communications
- Grace Lucia McBride, Lucia
- Mags Sikora, Osare.ie Ltd / Me Time Away

Female Leader of the Year

Corporate

- Charlotte Shaw, The Athenaeum Hotel & Residences
- Linda Obi, AfriHealth Ltd
- Shayna Zand, WeTravel
- Zina Bencheikh, Intrepid Travel

Entrepreneur

- Nada Raphael, TourLeb
- Jessica Brooks, Eternal Landscapes
- Iris Serbanescu, wmnsWORK
- Beth Santos, She's Wonderful

Mentor of the Year

Corporate

- Yousra Magouri, Expedia Group
- Hollie Dunne, Diversity Travel

- Meera Dattani, Adventure.com
- Quinn Mayer, Crees Manu
- Alexander Griffith, Visit Santa Marta and Vívolo Café

Entrepreneur

Female Mentee of the Year

Corporate

- Jane Russell, The Travel Corporation
- Madeline Scovotti, Audley Travel

- Jayni Gudka, Unseen Tours
- Mandy Salonika, The Adventurous Ewe
- Jools Sampson, Reclaim Yourself Retreats

Entrepreneur

Judges included leaders and thinkers from across the industry, from big brand names such as Contiki and Audley Travel, recruitment companies such as Gail Kenny Executive Recruitment and Lightning Recruitment, media representatives such as Skift and Forbes, and academic establishments such as the University of Surrey. Each was carefully selected and assigned to an appropriate category to ensure integrity and relevant expertise across the board.

Alessandra Alonso, Founder and Managing Director of Women in Travel CIC and IWTF said:

“Now in our second year, it’s fantastic to see the awards go from strength to strength, with more awards meaning more opportunity to shine a light on the great work that is taking place. Most importantly we want to hear and learn about best practice as we look towards creating a more diverse, equal and inclusive travel industry for us all.”

Following the IWTF Awards, IWTF will welcome delegates to the Google offices in Kings Cross on Thursday 27 June for the IWTF business day comprising a series of industry leading sessions and conversations covering a range of topics, from inclusive leadership, to accessibility and celebrating midlife.

Ticket sales for the IWTTF Awards and the Forum business day are now closed, and the organisers are operating on a waiting list only basis. If you missed out on the opportunity to attend, please get in touch with: simona@womenintravelcic.com.

For more information on Women in Travel's important work, please visit www.womenintravelcic.com

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About Women in Travel

Women in Travel CIC is the UK based, award winning social enterprise dedicated to empowering all women using travel, tourism and hospitality as a 'force for good', based on the belief that empowered women thrive and in turn, foster thriving communities. Women in Travel cic partners with employers and charities to provide all women – especially marginalised, vulnerable, and underrepresented – with visibility, confidence, access to training, mentoring and allyship programmes and eventually employment and enterprising opportunities.

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You can download images taken of some of the judges at Expedia Group's offices [here](#).