

ICDPPC Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards

2019

Entry Form

Deadline 29 July 2019

To submit an entry to the ICDPPC Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards please complete and email this form to ExCoSecretariat@icdppc.org no later than 29 July 2019.

Note: ICDPPC member authorities can submit as many entries as they wish, but a separate form should be used for each different entry, submitted by the deadline of 29 July. Languages: the conference documentation rule 6.2¹ applies:

1. Contact details for this entry:

- a. Name and email address of person completing this form: ...**Dr Robert McCombe** – robert.mccombe@ico.org.uk
- b. Name of Data Protection or Privacy Authority: **Information Commissioner's Office**

2. Eligibility: By submitting this entry I confirm that:

- a. The Authority is a member of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners.
- b. The initiative described in this entry was undertaken since the last edition.
- c. I am aware that the information in the entry (other than the contact details in 1(a) above) will be publicised by the ICDPPC Secretariat.

3. Please indicate which **category you wish to enter (delete those that do not apply; you can enter multiple categories but please use separate forms for each entry):**

- a. **Innovation**

4. Description of the initiative

- a. Please provide a brief summary of the initiative (no more than 75 words):

The ICO Research Grants Programme supports research and privacy enhancing solutions in significant areas of data protection risk that make a real difference to the UK public. It improves understanding of individuals' view of privacy issues and interactions with new technologies and promotes the application of research results by relevant stakeholders, including policy makers. It has funded eight projects so far, with a third round to launch later in 2019.

- b. Please provide a full description of the initiative (no more than 350 words):

The introduction of the GDPR and the new Data Protection Act 2018, along with high-profile cases and incidents, have meant that privacy issues and concerns about how people's personal information is used have probably never been more relevant, both in the UK and overseas.

As always, the objective of promoting and increasing the public's trust and confidence in how their data is

¹ 6.2 Conference documents

Without prejudice to section 4.2, conference documents, including accreditation and observer applications may be submitted in English or in another language. In the latter case, the documents shall be accompanied by an English version. Members with the ability and the resources to do so are encouraged to translate proposed resolutions and other conference documents such as the Conference Rules and Procedures.

used is at the very heart of the ICO's strategy. We believe that our grants programme reflects this by giving the UK's excellent research community an increasingly strong voice in the evolution of Information Rights, providing practical solutions to real problems.

Four projects were chosen in the inaugural funding programme of 2017/18 including the Open Rights Group, London School of Economics, Teesside University and Imperial College London. These projects engaged with improving individuals access to data rights in the fintech sector, children's online privacy, the effective sharing of healthcare data and pseudonymisation of personal data. These are progressing well. Some of these have completed, with published outcomes and publicly accessible and reusable tools. We were delighted to welcome the teams behind them to our annual Data Protection Practitioners' Conference in Manchester in April 2018 and 2019, where they gave presentations on their research.

Recipients for 2018/19 include the University of Oxford, Cardiff University, PHG Foundation and Connection at St Martin's in the Field who are researching the following areas: smart homes and privacy, GDPR based training for researchers working with large scale public data sets, genomic technologies and data rights for homeless individuals. All four projects are pursuing original, innovative research alongside the creation of tools and training designed to enhance public awareness and engagement with their data rights.

- c. Please explain why you think the initiative deserves to be recognised by an award (no more than 200 words)

The ICO Grants Programme is the first competitive grants process run by a UK regulator and supports a wide variety of innovative projects that will inform good data protection practice across a large number of sectors. It embodies the ICO's approach to upholding individuals' data rights and effective data protection – not only through effective regulation, but through engagement and promotion of innovative research that promotes best practice.

The relevance of the ICO grants programme was demonstrated when it was mentioned by the UN's Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy in his end of mission statement following his official visit to the UK. The high quality outputs from projects such as LSE's examination of children's privacy have not only informed public debate, created a child led tool and driven academic discussion, but has also fed directly into the development of the ICO's Age Appropriate Design Code, a key piece of guidance regarding the online safety of children that is amongst the first of its kind in Europe.

We have high expectations that subsequent projects will continue our ability to uphold data rights, support vulnerable individuals and engage with emerging technologies and to continue to raise people's trust in how their data is used.

- d. Include a photograph or image if you wish (note this will be published with your entry on the ICDPPC website; the image can be pasted into the entry or send as an attachment or a link may



be provided): ...

- e. Please provide the most relevant link on the authority's website to the initiative (if applicable) (The website content does not need to be in English): ...

https://icosearch.ico.org.uk/s/redirect?collection=ico-meta&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DIq81alb-7xg%26feature%3Dyoutube_gdata_player&index_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DIq81alb-7xg%26feature%3Dyoutube_gdata_player&auth=HujtU1LIdisPs%2F4OwIGfYg&profile=default&rank=3&query=Grants+Programme (Video of ICO Grant recipient projects from Phase 1)

- f. Please provide any other relevant links that you wish that help explain the initiative or its impact or success (e.g. links to news reports or articles):

Link to ORG project report and findings: <https://www.openrightsgroup.org/about/reports/public-understanding-of-gdpr>

Link to ORG 'Data Rights Finder' tool: <https://www.datarightsfinder.org/>

Link to LSE project hub: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/media-and-communications/research/research-projects/childprivacyonline>