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CIEP Conference Award 2021

#CIEP2021

Could you benefit from a **free place** at this year's conference?

Attending the CIEP conference has many benefits, and we're confident it offers value for money. But we know the cost remains prohibitive for some.

We know too that financial barriers intersect with other factors to exclude members from opportunities, and that entry to and progression in our profession – as in the publishing industry more broadly – have historically been barred to some.

We hope that this Award of ten free places at our annual conference will go some way towards dismantling one of those barriers, supporting participation in one of the main events in the CIEP's calendar among people from diverse backgrounds and under-represented communities.

How to apply

The Award is open to any CIEP member, at any membership level. We will pay the conference registration fee (£129) in full for the ten successful applicants.

To apply, please email the EDI director at edi@ciep.uk with a short statement (no more than 250 words) outlining how the Award might help you and how you would benefit professionally from attending the conference. The deadline for applications is **6 July 2021**.

How we will assess applications

The EDI director will anonymise all applications on receipt. A panel of CIEP members recruited by the EDI director will then assess the statements in confidence. They will offer the Award to the ten applicants who best demonstrate how it will positively impact on their professional development.

We'll notify successful applicants by **6 August 2021**. The names of all applicants (successful or not) will remain confidential and will be seen only by the EDI director and a member of office staff, who will use identifying personal information only to register you as a conference delegate.

Completing your application

When completing your statement, think carefully about what information you believe is most relevant in your own circumstances. You might want to consider the questions below, but you don't necessarily have to answer each of them specifically or in depth: they're provided here to give you a general idea of what sort of criteria the panel will consider.

We're taking an honour-based approach, so you do not need to provide proof of your circumstances: we trust anyone who applies will complete their applications in good faith.

- Have you attended previous conferences? If so, how many/how often?
- Have financial constraints stopped you attending previous CIEP conferences or other CIEP events?
- Have other factors, such as distance or travel constraints, been a barrier to your attendance in the past (whether or not they're relevant in this year's online context)?
- Have your circumstances changed during the pandemic in a way that means it's now harder than before for you to attend CIEP events?
- Do your typical earnings compare well or poorly with the CIEP suggested minimum rates?
- Are you able to work enough hours, or earn enough from the hours you do work, to allow you to invest in training or other development opportunities?
- Do you have caring responsibilities or financial dependants?
- Does your household depend solely on your income from editing work?

And as well as referring to these or any other barriers you believe are relevant, please remember to describe the positive difference you feel attending the conference could make to your professional development.

For any more information or to apply for the award, please email EDI director Luke Finley at edi@ciep.uk.