David O'Leary Award Nomination

IFIP IP3 acknowledges an individual or organization that has promoted and demonstrated Professionalism (Professional Practice), has worked as an Ethics Evangelist, and/or has made strides in fostering diversity among ICT practitioners. An individual or organization can be nominated.

The criteria will include:

1) **Professionalism** – demonstrated commitment to all aspects of ICT professional practice:
    a. Continuous Professional Development
    b. Service to organisation and broader community
    c. Trustworthiness
    d. Accountability
    e. Pride in the profession and setting a good example.
2) **Ethics evangelism** - in addition to ethical behaviour, takes every opportunity to spread the Ethics message.
3) **Fosters diversity** - works to promote gender, race, and digital equity.

The David O'Leary award includes a cash prize of USD1500, and travel to IFIPs General Assembly to receive the prize (maximum travel allowance is USD 1000). The person who nominates the winner will be rewarded with an Amazon gift card to the value of USD100.

The winner in 2019 was Mary Cleary. The award was not made in 2020 because the General Assembly took place as a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. The award was made in 2021 despite their being no physical meeting for GA. The winner in 2021 was Don Gotterbarn. Frits Bussemaker won the award in 2022. Josine Overdevest, IITPSA Non-executive Director, and Chair of Social and Ethics committee, received the award in 2023.

Here's what Josine had to say about winning the award.

"When I was nominated for the David O'Leary Award last year, I was initially surprised. I didn't see how my work in bridging the Digital Divide contributed to IT professionalism or ethics evangelism. But upon further reflection, I realised that it does!

In education, there is a concept known as 'unintentional' learning, where learners pick up lessons that aren't necessarily part of the curriculum but are observed through the teacher's actions, for example.

I realised that I was probably an 'unintentional' ethics evangelist: I don't do my work because it is ethical, but as a consequence of the passion and convictions that drive me. Winning the Award has provided me with the opportunity to make the unintentional intentional, presenting my vision for an inclusive digital society on a much larger platform. It has given me oomph!

The Award came at a time when concerns about the increasing digital skills gap and the slow adaptation of innovative digital solutions in schools are gaining more attention than they have in years. It is now clear that the fast pace of digital transformation won't be economically viable without being environmentally and socially sustainable, as the increasing carbon footprint and widening digital divide show us. In many organisations, the debate on how to address these concerns has moved from corporate social responsibility to strategic necessity.

This creates many more opportunities for IT professionals to follow their passion and contribute to exciting developments like AI for Good, and to do so responsibly and sustainably. Among these

professionals, many will do so 'unintentionally.' Seek them out and nominate them for the 2024 David O'Leary Award so their work gets a boost by becoming more intentional."

A panel of a minimum of three judges from the Global Industry Council and the IFIP Board will judge the award and make the final decision.

Anyone may submit a nomination for a person or an organization. The nomination form can be found here. Please ensure that the nominee accepts the nomination.

The completed nomination form together with any supporting documentation must be sent to award@ipthree.org.

The closing date for the 2024 Award is 9 August 2024.

All information is confidential and will only be shared with prior permission.