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VIAWARDS 2026 IN LONDON:

Spreading Vietnamese values, connecting the global community.

VHO - On November 7th, the Vietnam International Awards 2026 (VIAwards) ceremony took place in London (England).

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Vietnam International Awards 2026 (VIAwards) Ceremony

This year's event brought together over 200 guests from 12 countries to celebrate outstanding achievements, promote international cooperation, and recognize significant contributions to the community and society.

With the theme *Vietnam Forward: Vision - Impact - Alliance* , the event marks a significant milestone in VIAwards' 5-year journey.

This event continues to honor the outstanding achievements and contributions of Vietnamese individuals and organizations worldwide, while also recognizing international figures and organizations that have made positive contributions to Vietnam's development.

The gala night honored individuals within the Vietnamese community worldwide who have made positive contributions to society in their respective countries, while also recognizing Vietnamese and international individuals and organizations that have made practical contributions to Vietnam.

A notable aspect of this year's awards is the remarkable outcome of the selection process, including the fact that two nominees were awarded the prize in the Healthcare category.

Professor Michelle Hermiston, Dean and Chief Scientific Officer at the School of Health Sciences, VinUni University, and Ms. Katrin Kandel, Volunteer Executive Director and Board Member of Facing the World, were jointly honored for their outstanding contributions to healthcare.

This result also reflects the diversity of international contributions to the health sector in Vietnam, ranging from developing medical education and scientific research to supporting specialized medical services and improving the quality of treatment for patients.

Also at the VIAwards 2026, Isabelle Müller, writer, illustrator, social activist, and founder of the LOAN Foundation, was honored with two separate awards.



Twelve individuals and one organization received the Vietnam International Award 2026 in London.

LOAN Stiftung (LOAN Foundation), the educational charity she founded, was awarded the Education Prize, recognizing its efforts in expanding educational opportunities and improving living conditions for disadvantaged children.

Isabelle Müller was also honored in the People's Choice Award category, one of two new categories introduced to celebrate the 5th anniversary of VIAwards.

Decided through a public vote, the award recognizes her personal contributions, positive influence on the community, and ability to inspire others through social activities.

Mr. Johnny Dung Nguyen, representing VietQ Media, was honored in the Content Creator of the Year category, highlighting the increasingly prominent role of digital media and storytelling in connecting the Vietnamese community globally.

Additionally, Warwick Morris OBE, former British Ambassador to Vietnam and co-founder of the Vietnam-UK Network, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award recognizes his diplomatic career and his enduring contributions to promoting Vietnam-UK relations, particularly in the areas of bilateral cooperation, enhancing cultural understanding, and connecting the people of the two countries.

Since its establishment in the United Kingdom in 2022, VIAwards has progressively developed into an international platform to recognize outstanding achievements, encourage cooperation, and strengthen connections between Vietnam and the world.

Through 12 categories at this year's awards, VIAwards 2026 continues to honor outstanding achievements in the fields of healthcare, education, law, finance and business leadership, technology, innovation, architecture, art, hospitality services, and contributions to the community.

Established in 2022, VIAwards is an independent, non-profit initiative with the mission of connecting the global Vietnamese community and spreading positive values, creating a sustainable impact for the community.

By recognizing individuals who are making a difference in society, the award inspires future generations of leaders—those who are proud of their roots, possess the courage and ability to shape the future, continue the values and contributions of previous generations, and work together to build a more cohesive and sustainable world.

In addition to the awards ceremony, the 5th anniversary gala also featured artistic performances showcasing the rich cultural identity of Vietnam, creating a space for exchange among leaders, entrepreneurs, scholars, medical professionals, artists, and philanthropists from many countries.