



PRESS RELEASE – EMBARGOED UNTIL 6PM on SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016

THE RESULTS OF THE #LesbianOscars ARE IN!

The Ultimate Planet Awards have been announced and the community is celebrating!

The nomination period took place during October & November and nearly 200 women nominated 951 women, events and venues in 40 categories.

The public voting period was open between 6 December 2015 and 31 January 2016.

3,997 LBG women and allies cast 47,523 votes across 40 categories in the arts, media, scene and community.

Winners were announced at an exciting awards ceremony on Sunday 20th March at Catford Broadway Theatre in London.

Naomi Bennett-Hall, Co-Founder of Ultimate Planet, said, *"Over the last five years, the social scene for lesbian and bi women has changed and evolved, and is stronger and more diverse than ever, as is the community itself. We are very excited to be able to recognise & celebrate the creativity and passion; blood, sweat and tears it takes to make a thriving social scene and the women and allies behind it all."*

"We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the interaction from the community and its allies during the voting period. The sheer number of votes and the amount of discussion on social media just shows how important these awards are to those in our community. We can't wait to celebrate with the shortlisted nominees, the winners and lesbian, bi & queer women on Sunday!"

2015 Awards Winners & Honorary Mentions

WINNERS ARE IN BOLD. HONOURABLE MENTIONS ARE UNDERLINED

Independent Author

- Dawn Carter
- Scott Campbell
- **Kiki Archer**
- Sally Edwards

Publishing House Author

- LT Smith
- **Sarah Waters**
- VG Lee

LBO Book

- Diary of a Broken Heart by Karen Campbell
- Murder by Proxy by Dawn Carter
- The Paying Guest by Sarah Waters
- **Too Late I Love You by Kiki Archer**

International Festival

- ELLA Festival
- L Fest
- OlaGirls Festival
- **Pride In London**
- The Dinah
- Wotever DIY Film Festival

LBO Comedian

- Alice Frick
- Barbara Browns Kirk
- Gina Yashere
- Jen Brister
- Kerry Leigh
- **Rosie Wilby**
- Susie Ruffell
- Zoe Lyons

LBO Live Performance Event

- **Coming Out of my Box by Emma Stroud**
- Blue Monday
- Coldlust

Musician - Solo Artist

- Horse MacDonald
- Lauryn Redding
- **Lucy Spraggan**
- MIRI
- Sherika Sherard

Musician - Group/Band

- Greymatter
- ME and Deboe
- **Playing House**

Live Performance Performer

- Loretta Von Dini
- LoUis CYfer
- **MIRI**
- Shura

Recorded Performance Performer

- Beth Prior
- Horse
- **Lucy Spraggan**

Voluntary/Community Project

- Refugees START
- Behind the Mask
- **Love Human Rights**

Journalist

- Alanna Jane Higginson
- Effi Mai
- Jane Czyzelska
- **Katie Bennett-Hall**

Photographer/Videographer

- Laura Cunliffe
- **Laura Dixon**
- Nicky Prestage
- Sadia Sarder

Local Network/Forum

- Camden LGBT Forum
- City Pink
- **Gay Women's Network**

Best/most effective LBO focussed politician

- Angela Eagle
- Mhairi Black
- **Sandi Toksvig**

Role Model

- Cindy Edwards
- Ellen Dean
- Emma Ziff
- Jane Czyzelska
- Lady Phyll Opoku
- Naomi Bennett-Hall
- **Rosie Spaighton**
- Sue Saunders

LBO Blogger/Vlogger

- Bria and Chrissy
- **Rose Ellen Dix**
- WEGAN

LBO Business

- Barberette
- Pink Lobster Dating
- Pretty Pink Pearl
- **Sh! womenstore**
- Square Peg Media
- That's the Spot

Volunteer

- Alanna Jane Higginson
- Reanda Watson
- **Sarah Lavender**

Radio Show or Podcast

- Out in Brighton
- Out in South London
- **The Girls Hour**
- The Out There Show

Web series

- Hashtag
- **She's in London**

Independent Film

- Appropriate Behaviour
- **Crazy Bitches**
- Fear of Water

Short Film

- **Life in Colors**
- Magda's Lesbian Lover

Media Outlet (online or print)

- **Diva Magazine**
- Gaia Magazine
- Planet London

LONDON DJ

- **Carmen London**
- DJ Amy B
- DJ Jo Bunny
- DJ Izzy Trixx
- DJ Lady Lola
- DJ Poppy Kav
- DJ Sandra D
- DJ Yvette Lindquist

LONDON Inclusive event

- Bar Wotever
- **Project X**
- Queerest of the Queer
- The Glass Bar Pop Up

LONDON LBQ friendly space

- Bar Titania
- MUSE Soho
- **SHE Soho**

LONDON Event organiser

- Elaine McKenzie
- Ingo
- Juliette Prais
- Kalie Jade
- **Nicola Chubb**

LONDON Bar staff

- **Bex Smith**
- **Cressida Lawlor**
- Tameika Wilson

LONDON Security staff

- Anita Marea Ferraro
- **Anna Georgiou, Pinx Security**
- Lisa, Friendly Society

LONDON Most Creative Space or Event

- BoiBox
- Psychic Special
- **Sink the Pink**
- Kuntinuum Salon

BRIGHTON DJ

- DJ Alpha
- DJ Claire Fuller
- **DJ Lady Lola**

BRIGHTON LBQ friendly space

- The Marlborough
- **Diva Cafe**

BRIGHTON Event organiser

- Dulcie Danger
- **Frida Fridays**
- Vicki Cook

BRIGHTON Most Creative Space or Event

- **Brighton Pride**
- FemRock
- Traumfrau

Social Group Organiser

- Elaine McKenzie, The Glass Bar
- **Jennifer Lorrimer, LezBeSocial**
- Juliette Prais, Femme Meets Femme

Social Group

- Fancy a Femme
- KENRIC
- **Lesbian Book Readers Club**
- LezBeSocial
- Spiritual Lesbians

Dating/Network Service

- Pink Lobster Dating
- Find Femmes
- **HER App**
- WOW Women Dating

Corporate Network

- **Freshfields LGBT Network**
- LINK Network

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Notes to Editors

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Please use #PlanetAwards and #LesbianOscars in social media. @ultimate_planet

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Event details: Sunday 20 March 2016: 3pm-6pm Awards at Catford Broadway Theatre, followed by an after party. The event is compered by LGBT Poet Laureate Trudy Howson. Awards will be presented by: Alicya Eyo, Helen Oakleigh, Lady Phyll Opoku, Karen Fisch, Jai Henrietta, Sofia B, and Greymatter. There are live performances from Grey Matter, Sofia B, Frankie Sinatra, Helen Oakleigh and Emily Fraser.

About the Ultimate Planet Community Awards (#PlanetAwards #lesbianoscars)

We created the Ultimate Planet Awards to recognise, thank and promote the hard work from dedicated grass roots event organisers and community businesses who are committed to improving the lesbian, bi and queer scene.

Unlike awards for the LGBT community that have gone before, the Ultimate Planet Awards focus in on the grass roots and community-led events and activities that take place to improve the lives of lesbian and bi women in London.

About Ultimate Planet:

The web portal that houses all the Planet services under one space. Ultimate Planet, through its various Planet services works hard to support the LGBT community. We are proud to work in collaboration, and to support the small businesses and events that run within the LGBT community. You can visit the website here www.ultimate-planet.com. Follow us on Twitter @ultimate_planet