

Judging Criteria for the Outstanding Research, Planning, and Policy Award

METHODOLOGY: It must have appropriate and robust methodology including evidence of peer review. When responding to this criteria consider:

- How to demonstrate that the process and output of the research, policy and planning nomination is "reliable"
- The methodology/process has been undertaken in the development of this piece of work
- How you decided what was the best approach to take
- Whether the work been peer reviewed

APPLICATION (NB. X 1.5): It must have practical application to the recreation and leisure industry. When responding to this criteria consider:

- How the work will it be applied and over what timeframe
- Whether it would have relevance and could be applied in other similar communities

IMPACT: The actual and/or potential impact of the research/planning/policy. When responding to this criteria consider:

- What the intended use for this piece of work is
- What the intended impact was/is
- If the work has been applied what impact there has been
- How the impact was/ will be measured
- Whether you got the result you were expecting
- If not why not

INNOVATION (NB x 1.5): Degree of innovation or uniqueness. When responding to this criteria consider:

- What it is about this piece of works that makes it innovative/unique
- Demonstrate that this is not repeating information or research that already exists
- Whether it is completely new
- What makes it different from similar pieces of work - the methodology/process or something different

COST/VALUE: How does the value of the work compare to the cost of carrying it out. When responding to this criteria consider:

(How can you demonstrate that the "work" is value for money?)

- The cost of this piece of work
- Whether it will have positive cost/impact implications for future work
- Do you consider it to be value for money
- If so, how do you know that

CASE STUDY: The ability to be used as a model or case study by other agencies. When responding to this criteria consider:

- What have you learnt from this piece of work that would be interesting to others
- Whether this piece of work could be a model for other communities or the subject of a case study
- Whether there anything you have learned that you would do differently that others could benefit from knowing about