

Vape Leaders Honored



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The full list of winners is available at the UKVIA's [website](#).

Responsibility, best practice and innovation firmly front-and-centre at the UKVIA's vape industry awards

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The full list of award categories and winners included:

- Best Non-Vaping Media Outlet Report – Daily Express
- Preventing Youth Access to Vaping Award – Lincolnshire County Council Trading Standards
- Sustainable Vaping Award – ANDS
- Best Marketing Campaign in the Industry – Riot E-Liquid
- The Commitment to Compliance Award – Chubby Gorilla
- International Vaping Award – ANDS
- Best New Product Brand Launch – Riot E-Liquid
- Best Employer in the Vaping Industry Award – Evapo
- Best Innovation in the Vaping Industry – FEELM 2.0

- The Vaping Regulations Enforcement Award – Phoenix 2 Retail
- Outstanding Vaper Education Programme for Smokers – VApril
- Most Responsible Vaping Business Award – SMOORE
- Most Supportive Public Health Professional/Researcher – Dr Colin Mendelsohn
- Most Supportive Parliamentarian – Adam Afriyie MP
- Outstanding Industry Service Award – Martin Cullip
- Best Vaping-Related Research Study – CEBR and UKVIA: Economic Impact Assessment of the Vaping Industry/Vape Club: Report on Illegal Vapes Entering UK

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For more on the UKVIA Industry Recognition Awards and the UKVIA Forum – which took place on the same day – visit: [UKVIA Forum 2023 – UKVIA](#)

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Conference agenda

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GORILLA**
Headline Sponsor

07:00 Exhibition set up

08:45 Registration

09:15 **Conference opening remarks from the Forum co-chairs**



Robert Sidebottom
Managing Director, Arcus Compliance



Jeannie Cameron
Chief Executive, JCIC International

09:20



Address by **John Dunne**
Director General, UKVIA

09:25



Headline sponsor address by **Jack Hill**
Communications Manager, Chubby Gorilla

09:30



Keynote Speech by **Adam Afriyie MP**
Vice Chair of the All Parliamentary Group for Vaping

09:45



Keynote Speech by **Lord James Bethell**
Member of the House of Lords

10:00



Keynote Speech by **Konstantinos Farsalinos**
Senior Researcher, University of Patras and School of Public Health, University of West Attica

10:15 **Panel Discussion: Victory for Vaping – Changing public perceptions towards the category**

Despite the fact that tens of thousands of lives are lost to smoking every year in the UK and not a single confirmed death has been recorded through commercial nicotine vaping, recent research continues to show that there is a severe lack of trust amongst smokers in vaping. So, how once and for all can we change public perception, not only of smokers but those they turn to for advice that might influence them? Who are the critical stakeholders in making this happen? What can be done to undermine misleading and inaccurate claims about vaping? What's the role of government and the healthcare sector in addressing the anti-vaping agenda? How do we up the ante on educating smokers about the true evidence-based facts of vaping?



John Dunne (Chair)
Director General, UK Vaping Industry Association



Damien Bové
Chief Regulatory Officer, Adact Medical



Mark Oates
Director, WeVape UK



Jeannie Cameron
Chief Executive, JCIC International



Dr. Christopher Russell
Director, Russell Burnett Research and Consultancy Ltd.



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11:00 Coffee and Networking

11:30 **Panel Discussion: Taking Harm Reduction to a New Level**

How can we improve on 95% less harmful? This debate will explore what more needs to be done to maximise the potential of vaping in harm reduction and to 'win' the public debate and trust of smokers.



Dr Ian Fearon (Chair)

Director, whatIF? Consulting Ltd and Chief Scientific Officer, McKinney Regulatory Science Advisors, LLC



Dr Marina Murphy

Senior Director of Scientific & Medical Affairs, ANDS



Sarah Cooney

Director, Cooney Scientific Ltd



Sairah Salim-Sartoni

Founder, Salim-Sartoni Associates Ltd



Dr Nveed Chaudhary

Chief Scientific and Regulatory Officer, Broughton



Dr Chenxing Pei

Senior Aerosol Engineer, SMOORE Centre for Analysis, Testing, and Safety Assessment

12:15 **Panel Discussion: Out with Illegal Vape Sales: Industry Action Against Youth Vaping and the Rise in Illicit Products**

In the wake of the government's consultation on youth vaping, what's being done and what more can be done to counter the rogue operators' intent on breaking the law at every opportunity? How worried should we be about the rise of illicit vapes? How are the enforcement agencies getting on top of the situation? What's the industry doing to help and what support can the government give? How does regulation need to be reformed to counter these challenges?



Robert Sidebottom (Chair)

Managing Director, Arcus Compliance



Mohammad Agrabawi

Senior Director of Corporate Affairs & Communications, ANDS



Dan Marchant

Managing Director, Vape Club



Douglas Mutter

Manufacturing & Compliance Director, VPZ



Sten Bertelsen

Senior Vice President, Authentix



Michiel Carmel

UK Partner, MyCheckr

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13:15 Lunch and networking

14:15 **Keynote Presentation: China's commitment to change**



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Secretary-General, China Electronic Chamber of Commerce

14:30



Sponsor Presentation by **Rex Zhang**

Strategy Director, SMOORE

14:35 **Acting on the UKVIA's Greenprint for Sustainable Vaping**

Earlier this year, the UKVIA published its Greenprint for Sustainable Vaping due to the concern over the environmental impact of vapes. So how is the industry measuring up when it comes to taking environmental responsibility? What have been some of the biggest achievements? In this session organisations in the vape waste chain share best approaches to making vaping more sustainable.



Stewart Price (Chair)

WERCS Scheme Manager, Waste Experts



Pieter Vorster

Managing Director, Idwala Research



Matt Crann

Sales Director, Riot Labs



Vismands Menjoks

Co-Founder, Wingo Deposit



Paul Carvell

Senior Non-Exec Director, The Delivery Group

15:15 Coffee and networking

15:35 **The Great Political Debate: Getting ready for the General Election**

With the possibility of a change in government, the Forum will explore how the industry prepares itself for such a prospect? What do we know about the different parties' vaping policy intentions? How do we retain the parliamentary momentum around vaping that currently exists?



John Dunne (Chair)

Director General, UKVIA



Clive Bates

Director, Counterfactual Consulting Ltd



Mary Glendon MP

Vice-Chair, APPG for Vaping



Maxwell Marlow

Director of Research, Adam Smith Institute



Chris Worrall

Chair of Local Government Member Policy Group, Fabian Society

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Panel Discussion: Tomorrow's Vaping World

With major policy developments across the world set to shape the vaping category for years to come, figureheads and experts assess the future prospects of the sector and discuss what needs to be done to ensure vaping continues to play a major part in the vision to establish a world without smoking.



Mohammad Agrabawi (Chair)

Senior Director, Corporate Affairs & Communications, ANDS



Barnaby Page

Editorial Director, Tamarind Intelligence



Shane MacGuill

Senior Head of Tobacco Research, Euromonitor



Aron Byrne-Carter

Managing Director, NGP Trends



Michael Landl

Director, World Vapers' Alliance



Rex Zhang

Strategy Director, SMOORE



Dustin Dahlmann

Chairman, Independent European Vape Alliance

16:50

Roundtable Discussion: The Retail Future of Vaping

With the vaping sector being the talk of the town in the media, what's big retail's expectations of the industry moving forward? What are their buying plans for the category in their stores going forward? What are the convenience chains and supermarkets looking to do to address the challenges faced by the vaping category?

A roundtable of retail chains and figureheads in the sector debating the retail future of vaping.



Chris Kelly (Chair)

Founder and Chief Executive, Phoenix 2 Retail



Leigh Vance

Buying Manager, Morrisons



James Lowman

Chief Executive, Association of Convenience Stores



Adrian Simpson

Retail Products Policy Advisor, British Retail Consortium & Non-Executive Director, Chartered Trading Standards Institute

Simon Chadwick

Lead Category Manager at Booker Group

17:30

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