

A graphic design for the IO Radio Awards 2020. It features a vertical purple bar on the left side. The main content is centered around three overlapping circles: a large light blue circle at the top left, a medium purple circle at the bottom right, and a small light beige circle at the bottom left. The text 'IO RADIO AWARDS 2020' is centered in the blue circle. The text 'HOSTED BY' is centered in the purple circle, with a dashed line below it, followed by the names 'ED BARNES AND ANGELLE JOSEPH' also centered in the purple circle.

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On Thursday the 20th of February IO radio held its annual awards ceremony in The Smokehouse, Ipswich. It was presented by Angelle Joseph and Ed Barnes. 15 awards were given out to volunteers who worked extremely hard throughout the year some of them being: Most Improved Team, Volunteer of the Year and Best Presenters. It was a good turnout of people supporting the event which truly represents the community of IO radio.

The night started off with the best show over 25 award which was won by Tom Hodgson who unfortunately was unable to make it as he was away. The next award was for the Best Show Under 25. This was won Piers, Brad and Ethan who host Flip The Switch. The next award was Best Presenter Team given to Harry & Ryan who together, present Monday mornings 'What Trends'.

The following was Most Improved Over 25 and was awarded to Sophie Williams who presents the charms on a chain show exploring poetry and music through time. She accepted her award and gave a lovely speech thanking IO and talking about the impact of poetry.

IO Radio is a station that would literally not run without its amazing volunteers. Tony Carr constantly shows his dedication to the station and his passion for creating content, rightly so, that he was awarded Volunteer of the Year.

Best Show Team was awarded to Over and Out, presented by Dee Nessling, Alice Bowers, Sam Brilliant, Jack Bennett and Jay Liburd who went on to BBC Belongings the following Monday to talk about their now 'award winning show' and more. George Mann managed to take home two awards on the night one for Radio Achievement Award and a second one for Most Improved Team with Pitchside Talk also presented by Dan Harvey.

This year the honorable award, The 'Matthew Percy Award' was awarded to Ross Halls for his progress and hard work. After starting at IO Radio after leaving school Ross went from a volunteer DJ to running the station. He then progressed to Archant and takes photos for Ipswich Town Football Club as well as being a producer for the 'Kings Of Anglia' Podcast for ITFC. What started as a hobby supporting the Ipswich women's team a few years ago has become a strong passion and he has pushed them and raised awareness around women's football in Suffolk.

Ed Barnes who started up the station said 'Watching him blossom into the lad he has become now has been amazing to watch. He has done what many others dream of doing and he is so driven we know he will keep moving up and up.'

Matthew Percy was a well-known young person on the Ipswich political scene, serving on Kesgrave Town Council and being a member of the Youth Parliament. He was a former presenter on IO Radio, bringing his passion for politics to the airwaves. The 21-year-old sadly took his own life in April 2015, shortly after posting an emotional message on Facebook.

The award was handed to Ross by Matthew's sister, Eva Percy.

Ross said 'I'm lost for words winning this award. I remember giving out this award in previous years when I worked here and it would always be so touching on the heart. Now here I am up here winning it.'

The night ended with a DJ set from Luke Hindle!

Thank you all for coming and supporting on the night. If you weren't there on the night feel free to collect your certificate from the office when you are next in. Have another good year!

Best Show U25	Flip The Switch
Best Show O25	Tom Hodgson
Best Show Team	Over and Out
Most Improved Male	Matt Catling
Most Improved Female	Lily Lambert
Most Improved O25	Sophie Williams
Most Improved Team	Pitchside Talk
Best Presenter Male	Matt Fuller
Best Presenter Female	Leandra Van Sertima
Best Presenter O25	Mike Rowland
Best Presenter Team	Harry and Ryan
Volunteer of the Year	Tony Carr
Best Training Group	Yakkity Yak
Radio Achievement Award	George Mann
Matthew Percy Award for Outstanding Achievement	Ross Halls

