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Powell Intranet Excellence Awards: Winners
The Powell Intranet Excellence Awards serve as a platform to recognize and honor the exceptional projects undertaken by Powell Intranet customers and partners. These awards highlight their dedication to transforming the digital workplace and acknowledge the innovative strides made within their organizations.

The response from Powell Intranet customers and partners has been overwhelming, showcasing a diverse range of groundbreaking projects that have significantly enhanced the digital workplace landscape. Our esteemed panel of judges had the challenging task of evaluating numerous outstanding submissions, reflecting the commitment and dedication of participants in driving innovation through their intranet initiatives.

Now we’re thrilled to reveal the winning projects.
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Emirates Steel LLC emerged as the victor in the 'Most Engaging Intranet' category.

Our judges were thoroughly impressed by all the engaging features and remarkable design elements that make their intranet an absolute standout.

Here’s a closer look at what set Emirates Steel LLC apart:

- Seamless navigation & user-friendly interface ✨
- Innovative features like Kudos, Preferences button, Polls, Discussion Forums, Community templates, and Sharing Buttons🌐
- Incorporation of gamification through points and badges🎮
- Encouraging user opinions for inclusivity and diverse perspectives💬
- Excellent adaptability with various business apps📊
- Impeccable design and captivating look and feel🎨

Emirates Steel were nominated by partner Cloud for Work, who said

"With all the team’s efforts and Powell France team’s support (Edouard, Laurent, and other team members) we implemented an amazing portal"

Ezzat Sayegh - Cloud for Work (Powell Intranet implementation partner for Emirates Steel)

Congratulations to Emirates Steel LLC and Cloud for Work for their well-deserved recognition in the realm of intranet excellence!
MOST ENGAGING INTRANET
Endress+Hauser won the 'Most Collaborative Intranet' category!

Judges were captivated by their innovative and inclusive approach, leveraging Powell Intranet + SharePoint features to craft a dynamic intranet space.

Here's why their 'Endress+Hauser Digital Home' stole the spotlight:

- Engaging social platform for advocacy, document sharing, and news dissemination
- Promotion of internal events like the company's 70th anniversary, fostering global participation and storytelling
- Intuitive tools for content sharing, encouraging creative participation among all employees
- Inclusive features ensuring engagement
- Collaboration-driven initiatives like team-based challenges, nurturing experiences, and learning across the organization

Endress+Hauser's objectives were crystal clear:

- Uniting employees globally while promoting engagement and diverse participation
- Elevating the Powell intranet as a central 'ONE Endress+Hauser' hub
- Enhancing the digital workplace, cementing the intranet's role as a lasting 'digital home'

Our panel was especially captivated by Endress + Hauser's 70th-anniversary celebration which showcased a spectacular array of activities, including the 'Water Challenge: Around the World in 70 Days.' Employees formed teams, striving to cover 40,075 kilometers for a charitable cause, all orchestrated seamlessly through the Endress+Hauser Digital Home.

Congratulations, Endress+Hauser, for setting the bar high in fostering collaboration and creating an inclusive digital haven for your global workforce!
Angers Loire Metropole won the ‘Best Sustainability Initiative’ category!

How can an intranet help with your sustainability objectives?

Angers Loire Metropole, winners of the 'Best Sustainability Initiative' at the Powell Intranet Excellence Awards shows us how!

Their Angers Transitions initiative, involving 4600 agents, embodies three key pillars: Ecological Transition, Digital Transition, Republic & Citizen Transition.

In 2023, Angers Loire focused on one pillar of their sustainability project, ‘Ecological Transition.’ They wanted to rally agents around existing eco-friendly practices and spark new ideas for ecological transition.

The Communication department strategically leveraged Powell's "Event Hub" and "Ideation Campaign Hub" in three phases:

1. **Campaign for Eco-Ideas Collection**: Agents across departments contributed 300 ideas, fostering engagement and ideation. Powell Intranets 'Ideation Hub' simplified idea submission, showcased 47 proposals and generated 7300+ views.
2. **Tree-themed Photo & Haiku Contest**: A creative endeavor engaging 78 participants and the wider community.
3. **Management Seminar on Ecological Transition**: An impactful event drawing insights from agent-contributed ideas. Powell Intranets 'Event Hub' streamlined event communication, simplified registrations, and provided insightful dashboards for better management.

These initiatives bridged internal action with external awareness, championing eco-consciousness and creativity. Angers Loire Metropole showcased how technology and collaboration drive sustainability, inspiring agents and the community alike!
BEST SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE
SMS Group, winner of the 'Most Inclusive Intranet' at the Powell Intranet Excellence Awards!

With their brilliant initiative “SMS Moments,” SMS Group redefined inclusivity, engaging 14,400 employees worldwide on the intranet to celebrate the company’s 150-year history.

“SMS Moments” is a platform where employees share personal experiences, contributing to a vibrant timeline of cherished memories that define the essence of SMS over decades and across continents.

In honor of the 150th anniversary, SMS Group aimed to involve all employees in the celebrations. The ‘SMS Moments’ project achieved just that, providing a platform for employees worldwide to share their memorable SMS experiences.

The implementation was as captivating as the initiative itself:

- A visually engaging 'Instagram-style' story format on the intranet’s homepage showcasing contributors’ profile pictures via a web part setup by partner Hirschtew.
- A dedicated site collection housing a timeline view of all shared moments, enabling easy access for everyone.

The impact was remarkable! Nearly 80 employees shared deeply personal SMS memories, receiving abundant likes and comments from involved colleagues, fostering a sense of camaraderie and celebration across the organization.

This initiative truly embodies inclusivity and engagement, allowing every individual to contribute their unique SMS story, weaving together a rich tapestry of the company’s history.
With 80,000 users Safran is the Largest Intranet Platform deployment in 2023 for Powell Intranet!

“Given the diversity of our businesses and the number of employees who have access to our corporate portal, we need a solution such as Powell Intranet to meet the challenges of scalability and adaptability of La Poste.

Powell Intranet enables us to have over a hundred contributors to work autonomously, using automation to minimize technical interventions. This streamlined approach allows effective and optimized platform administration, covering over 100,000 monthly users with a small team.”
Barnardos Australia winner of the 'Best Intranet Project Non-Profit' category!

The judges were captivated by Barnardos Australia's inclusive approach, catering to frontline workers and fostering an environment where every voice is heard.

The 'Barnardos Hub,' powered by Powell Intranet, has been pivotal in fostering seamless communication, driving engagement, and empowering their workforce to fulfill their mission of supporting children, families, and communities. With over 700 employees across 30 locations, this intranet has truly become the cornerstone of organizational success.

How did the team make the intranet a success?

A dedicated Intranet Champions Community, 'Barnardos Hub Heroes,' has over 60 passionate advocates from diverse teams, ensuring the intranet remains a vibrant hub of accurate information and engagement.

A compelling user adoption campaign emphasizing the importance of the intranet, with a staggering 95% of employees using the Hub weekly.

Barnardos Hub has over 100k page views per month, proving its widespread adoption and impact.

Barnardos Australia's objectives with the Hub were crystal clear:

- Facilitating seamless communication
- Fostering a culture of knowledge-sharing and collaboration
- Creating an intuitive, user-friendly intranet accessible to all
- Establishing the Hub as the go-to source for organizational information
- Tracking user engagement metrics for continuous improvement

Did Barnardos Australia achieve its objectives? Going by what users are saying - it's a resounding yes!

"The Hub is the source of truth." - Barnardos Frontline Worker

"The Hub, powered through Powell Intranet, has transformed Barnardos in how we collaborate with one another, allowing us to create stronger connections..." - Irene Saunders, Barnardos Head of PR, Media & Communications
Congratulations to Avril: Most Innovative Use of the Intranet Winner! 🎉

Avril won the 'Most Innovative Use of the Intranet' at the Powell Intranet Excellence Awards! Avril successfully implemented an advanced intranet optimized for desktops and mobile devices, transforming communication and collaboration among over 7,500 employees across 19 countries.

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, Avril partnered with Powell Software to develop "Avril in the Metaverse" through the Virtual Building.

This platform created a bridge between physical and virtual exhibitions - and provided a variety of captivating themed rooms rich in multimedia content. Additionally, a dedicated engagement area facilitated testimonials, strengthening bonds. Introducing a gamification module enhanced the experience, offering employees a fully immersive journey into Avril's world.

"When conceptualizing this project, our goal was to create a dynamic virtual space that would complement the physical exhibition—a gathering place. We opted for a playful and quirky vision of the exhibition."

Prisca Nyko, Group Digital Communication Manager at Avril

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with employees enthusiastic about this innovative concept that challenges the norms of traditional corporate exhibitions.

The Virtual Building by Powell Software has already transformed Avril's internal communication, offering a space that fosters engagement, connectivity, and inclusivity among employees.⭐️
MOST INNOVATIVE USE OF THE INTRANET
Quest Diagnostics: Winner of the 'Best Example of Migrating from Publishing to Modern' category!

Quest Diagnostics is the recipient of the award for their exceptional transformation in migrating from SharePoint publishing to Modern. Serving a global workforce of 46,000 employees, Quest Diagnostics aimed to simplify the process of locating specialized doctors within their organization.

Achievements:
- 🚀 Swift Access: Employees easily locate specialized doctors.
- 📈 Increased Productivity: Reduced search time, enabling focus on core tasks.
- 🔍 User Empowerment: Effortless navigation for a sense of control.

Business Impact:
- 🧡 Enhanced Collaboration: Seamless connections between employees and doctors.
- 📊 Data Insights: Valuable data collection optimizing the healthcare experience.
- ⭐ Client Satisfaction: Powell Software’s tailored solutions strengthen relationships.

This innovative migration from publishing to a modern digital workplace showcases Quest Diagnostics’ commitment to enhancing employee experiences and driving efficiency. Their collaboration with Powell Software demonstrates how tailored solutions can revolutionize an organization’s operational dynamics.
Université de Namur won 'Best Governance in Teams Education'!

Their implementation of Powell Teams has revolutionized the management of over 14,000 unstructured Teams, showcasing exemplary governance practices.

Key Achievements:
- Over 2,000 educational Teams undergo an entire lifecycle process, from creation to archiving, annually.
- Successfully archived over 3,500 Teams, ensuring streamlined organization.
- Enhanced governance for 12,000+ active Teams, promoting structured and efficient collaboration.
- Implemented more than 10 specialized Team templates, optimizing daily use.

Université de Namur partnered with BeWe to deploy Powell Teams effectively, ensuring:

- **Governance Enhancement**: Streamlining Teams usage across various courses, projects, theses, and research initiatives.
- **Facilitated Teams Usage**: Offering customized Team templates tailored to educational needs, simplifying pedagogical practices.
- **Strategic Implementation**: Utilizing the ‘Fast Track’ agile approach, ensuring a comprehensive and hands-on deployment.
- **Knowledge Transfer**: Empowering autonomous management post-deployment through skill transfer and comprehensive examples.

Although initial reports showcased a significant number of unmanaged Teams, the university’s proactive approach with Powell Teams has substantially improved governance, allowing for the effective lifecycle management of educational Teams.

Kudos to Université de Namur for setting a remarkable governance benchmark in Microsoft Teams’ administration! 🎉👏
BEST GOVERNANCE IN TEAMS
EDUCATION
With Powell Intranet, the award-winning customizable and flexible intranet solution, you can supercharge your Microsoft 365 digital workplace for an exceptional employee experience.

**INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Powell Intranet ensures that employees are kept up-to-date, informed, and engaged through its visually stunning interface and streamlined user experience. It guarantees that crucial information will no longer go unnoticed.

**FRONTLINE-FIRST CONNECTIVITY**

With Powell’s mobile application, employees can stay productive, informed, and in touch regardless of their work location. It’s the ideal solution for teams working remotely or in a hybrid setting.

**THIRD-PARTY APPLICATIONS AND INTEGRATIONS**

Empower your team with Powell Software’s seamless integrations to leading third-party applications such as Dynamics, PowerBI, Teams, and Outlook, as well as other HRIS, CRM, and Ticketing applications like Workday, SalesForce, and ServiceNow. Unlock effortless data management, gain critical insights, and boost productivity across your organization with our robust connectivity options tailored to your business requirements.

**READY-TO-USE AND CUSTOMIZABLE**

Our intranet is a ready-to-use solution built in SharePoint that comes packed with an array of tools and features, right out of the box. Our software is not only highly customizable and scalable but also open to meet your organization’s unique needs and requirements, ensuring a perfect fit for any business environment.