

Ogilvy most awarded agency at 2021 Bookmarks Awards

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Ogilvy was awarded a stellar 19 Bookmark awards across 12 categories at the 13th annual Bookmarks Awards, one of the country's most recognised digital marketing events.

The agency received five Silver Bookmarks, 12 Bronze, a Black Pixel and a Pixel for Purpose award.

The event took place on Thursday night, 29 July 2021, in a virtual ceremony, where the most innovative digital marketing campaigns of the past year were announced.

Ogilvy had a total of 54 finalists at this year's awards.

Among Ogilvy's winning campaigns were KFC's 'Buckarapa' and 'Instagame', and VW's 'The Drive to Defy', and 'The Sabbatical'. Ogilvy was awarded a Pixel for Purpose for AB InBev's #NoExcuse 'The Bravest Thing' campaign, and a special honours award was given to Ogilvy's Luzuko Tena for Best Contribution to Transformation in the Digital Industry.

Ogilvy's long-standing client, AB InBev, was also awarded the prestigious Digital Brand of the Year award.

Work for KFC and Volkswagen South Africa, including 'KFC Instagame' and VW's 'The Drive to Defy' were top contenders in their categories, with finalists in the Branded Content, Online Video Series, Online Video Production and Excellence in Strategy categories.



Volkswagen and Ogilvy 'Drive to Defy' in every way

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Rape Page, which recently won a Silver Lion at the Cannes International Festival of Creativity last month, received two silver awards in the campaign category the first for 'Breakthrough campaign on a budget' and the second for 'Innovative use of media'.



Cannes Lions 2021 awards a Silver Lion to 'The Rape Page' by Ogilvy Cape Town and Rape Crisis

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For the Rape Page campaign Ogilvy partnered with Rape Crisis to identify areas in Cape Town with the highest rape statistics. Ogilvy then designed a double page print ad and placed it in the centrefold of the *Athlone News* raising awareness where it's needed the most.

The multi-layered advert functioned as an advert, as awareness-raising, as information, as a resource and tool for survivors and as an innovative way to start the conversation about a difficult topic. The campaign reached an estimated 7.1 million people on the day it was launched.

Group CEO at Ogilvy South Africa: “The work and the brands that have been acknowledged at the Bookmark Awards this year celebrate creative excellence and impact produced working under the difficult circumstances that agencies, clients and consumers have had to face. Our awards tally and performance at Bookmarks this year make us incredibly proud of our creative teams. They are a tribute to our leadership and the great client partnerships that enable such impactful and noteworthy work.”

The theme at this year’s Bookmark Awards was 13 years of Moving the Industry Forward, with the focus being the recognition of powerful, memorable, and impactful marketing strategies through campaigns that inspire, educate, and build their respective brands.

The full list of Ogilvy wins

Campaign Category/Breakthrough on a budget

Silver | Rape Crisis Trust – ‘The Rape Page’

Campaign Category/Branded Content

Bronze | Volkswagen South Africa ‘The Drive to Defy’

Bronze | Volkswagen South Africa ‘Sabbatical’

Channel Category/Online Video Series

Bronze | KFC South Africa ‘Whenever, wherever’

Bronze | AB InBev ‘Champion Challenge’

Silver | Volkswagen South Africa ‘The Drive to Defy’

Channel Category/Innovative Use of Media

Silver | Rape Crisis Trust ‘The Rape Page’

Channel Category/Digital Installations and Activations

Bronze | KFC South Africa ‘KFC Buckarapa’

Community Category/Social Media Campaigns

Silver | KFC South Africa ‘KFC Instagame’

Community Category/Social Media Innovation

Bronze | KFC South Africa ‘KFC Instagame’

Craft Category/Excellence in Strategy

Craft Bronze | AB InBev #NoExcuse ‘The Bravest Thing’

Craft Bronze | Volkswagen South Africa ‘The Sabbatical’

Craft Category/Excellence in Online Video Production

Craft Bronze | Volkswagen South Africa ‘The Drive to Defy – Mandisa’

Craft Bronze | Volkswagen South Africa ‘The Drive to Defy – Kitty’

Platforms Category/Games

Bronze | KFC South Africa ‘KFC Instagame’

Platforms Category/Platform Innovation

Bronze | KFC South Africa 'KFC Buckarapa'

Silver | KFC South Africa 'KFC Instagame'

Special Honours Category/Best Contribution to Transformation in the Digital Industry

Black Pixel | Luzuko Tena

Special Honours Category/Pixel for Purpose

Black Pixel | AB InBev #NoExcuse 'The Bravest Thing'

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