



## Visionary innovators: World IP Day, 26 April 2012

### Vote for your favourite contemporary 'British Visionary Innovator'

To celebrate **World Intellectual Property Day 2012**, our Business Outreach Team has created a shortlist of some of the most well known and successful contemporary British 'Visionary Innovators'.

Our list contains famous names from the world of Television, Music, Art, Design, Business and Science, all of whom have achieved considerable success or displayed 'visionary' behaviour in spotting 'The Next Big Thing', or developed innovate products, services or designs never seen before.



We now invite you to vote for your favorite contemporary British Visionary Innovator (1 vote only).

This list is not exhaustive, and therefore may not feature someone you feel should be on it. If so, you can opt to add your own name as your favourite when you go to the [voting page](#).

Votes can be cast from Tuesday 17 April at 09:00 and ends Tuesday 24 April at 17:00.

The person with the most votes will be announced on World Intellectual Property Day 2012 (26 April).

#### [Sir Norman Foster](#)

##### **British architect (Designer)**

**Achievements / Famous for:** Design of multiple award winning pieces of architecture around the world.

**Fact:** Examples of some of Sir Norman Fosters work includes 30 St Mary Axe, London ('The Gherkin'), the Millau Viaduct, France and work on Sir Richard Branson Virgin Galactic plans.

#### [James Goodfellow OBE](#)

##### **Inventor**

**Achievements / Famous for:** Inventor of personal identification technology (PIN) and the Cash Machine (ATM).

**Fact:** James Goodfellow was awarded an OBE in 2006 for the invention of PIN technology.

### Michael Aldrich

#### **Inventor**

**Achievements / Famous for:** Inventor of the origins of online shopping (Teleputer).

**Fact:** Michael Aldrich has worked on high profile I.T projects for Ford, NHS, British Rail and the Siberian Gas pipeline.

### Sir James Dyson

#### **Industrial designer**

**Achievements / Famous for:** Inventor of the Dual Cyclone bagless vacuum cleaner.

**Fact:** Sir James Dyson was knighted in 2007 and he states that there were over 5,000 prototypes of his original bagless vacuum cleaner.

### Sir Tim Berners-Lee

#### **Computer Scientist**

**Achievements / Famous for:** Inventor of the World Wide Web.

**Fact:** Sir Tim Berners-Lee was knighted in 2004 and was, was elected as a foreign associate of the United States National Academy of Sciences, based in Washington, D.C.

### Sir Jonathon Ive

#### **Designer**

**Achievements / Famous for:** Designer of multiple iconic award winning Apple Inc. products.

**Fact:** The Guardian named Sir Jonathon Ive as the 'Inventor of the Decade' in 2009, and he holds over 600 design patents in his name.

### J K Rowling OBE

#### **Author**

**Achievements / Famous for:** Writer of award winning global Harry Potter book series.

**Fact:** Has sold more than 400 million copies of Harry Potter books to become the best-selling book series in history.

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## TV / Music producer and entrepreneur

**Achievements / Famous for:** Creator of multiple award winning global TV show formats including X Factor and Britain's Got Talent.

**Fact:** TV formats created by Simon Cowell have now been sold and reproduced in over 48 countries worldwide. His acts have delivered over 180 No.1 singles and sold over 200 million albums.

## [Banksy](#)

### Artist

**Achievements / Famous for:** Iconic guerilla graffiti artist and painter of distinctive 'stenciled' style works found in cities around the world.

**Fact:** Recent sales of a collection of Banksy's work fetched over £400,000 at auction, with a previous auction selling a single item for a record £145,000.

## [Sir Ian Wilmut](#)

### Scientist / Embryologist

**Achievements / Famous for:** Scientific breakthrough in cloning and embryology – 'Dolly the Sheep'.

**Fact:** Sir Ian Wilmut was given an OBE in 1999 and knighted in 2008 for his services to science.

## Somebody else?

Think we have missed someone? Then you can choose someone else by entering the name of another contemporary British Visionary Innovator to count as your vote.

**When you click on 'Vote now'**

**you will be taken to a new page.**

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