The Windō

Young Talent Values Report 2024

A concise guide including Insights, Leaderboards & Checklists to help you *find the right employer*



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Introduction

At Windo, we believe that companies thrive when they align with the values of the next generation of talent. That's why we conducted our most extensive Young Talent survey yet, gathering insights from 705 students across the UK and US. **You spoke**, **and we listened**.

The results speak clearly: 59% of young talent do not feel organisations are currently being transparent about their progress and plans to protect the planet and advance equality for all people. Furthermore, 69% of young talent would leave a company if its values don't align with theirs.

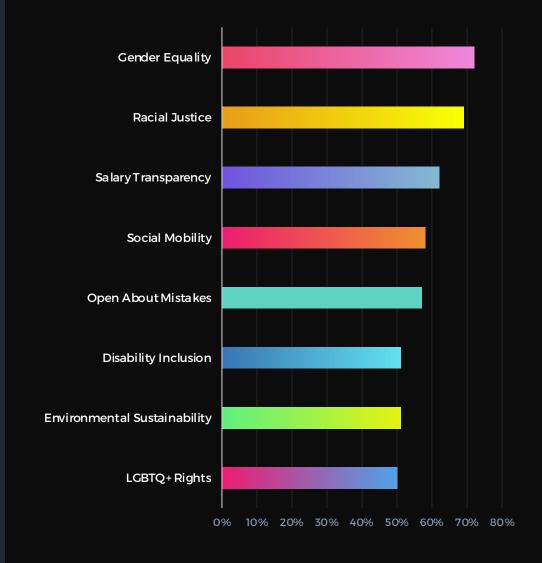
This mismatch in values and desire for more transparency is something we've seen across multiple surveys over the past two years. It led us to create Windō — to make it easier for young talent to evaluate companies on sustainability and DEI.

From our most recent Young Talent Survey, eight core values stood out—areas where young talent feels most passionately. These values represent the priorities that today's graduates seek in potential employers. For each of these values, we've developed a practical guide, including either a checklist of key information to look for or a Windō feature that helps you identify companies leading in these areas.

This report goes beyond merely identifying values. We've also spotlighted the companies that are top performers for each value, making it easier for young talent to connect with employers who are genuinely committed to making a positive impact. Whether it's racial justice, gender equality, environmental sustainability, or social mobility, this report provides the transparency needed to guide your career decisions with confidence.

By using the tools and insights in this report, you can ensure that your future employer shares your commitment to doing the right thing for both people and the planet. Let Windō help you find the companies that lead the way.

The % of Young Talent that would like to see companies advocating for or actioning...

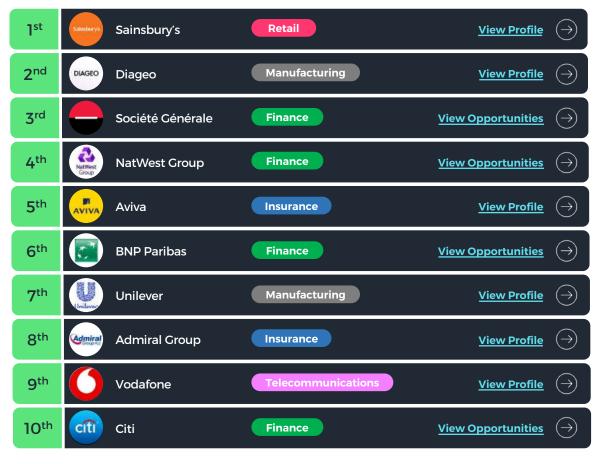






of young talent believe that a potential employer should publicly advocate for Gender Equality. $\textit{Wind}\tilde{o}$

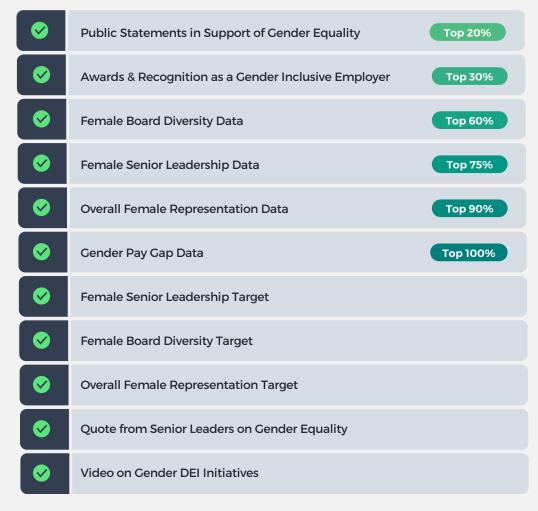
Top Graduate Employers for Gender Equality



Employer Checklist

Cover Letters Interview Topics

A true "Gender Equality" employer should be sharing data for at least 3 of the below. As the list goes down, the metrics become easier to report on.

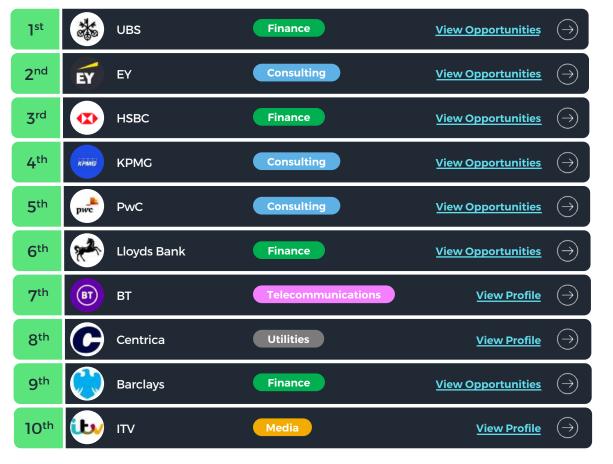


Racial Justice



of young talent believe that a potential employer should publicly advocate for Racial Justice. Windo</sup>

Top Graduate Employers for Racial Justice



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A true "Racial Equality" employer should be sharing data for at least 3 of the below. As the list goes down, the metrics become easier to report on.

Ethnicity Pay Gap Data	Top 15%
Awards & Recognition for Racial Equality	Top 20%
Public Statements in Support of Racial Justice	Top 25%
Ethnic Minority Board Diversity Representation Data	Top 30%
Ethnicity Representation Breakdown Data	Top 40%
Ethnic Minority Senior Leadership Data	Top 40%
Overall Ethnicity Representation Data	Top 50%
Senior Leadership and Board Representation Targets	
Overall Disability Representation Target	
Quote from a Senior Leader on Ethnic Minority DEI	
Video on Ethnic Minority DEI Initiatives	

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Salary Transparent

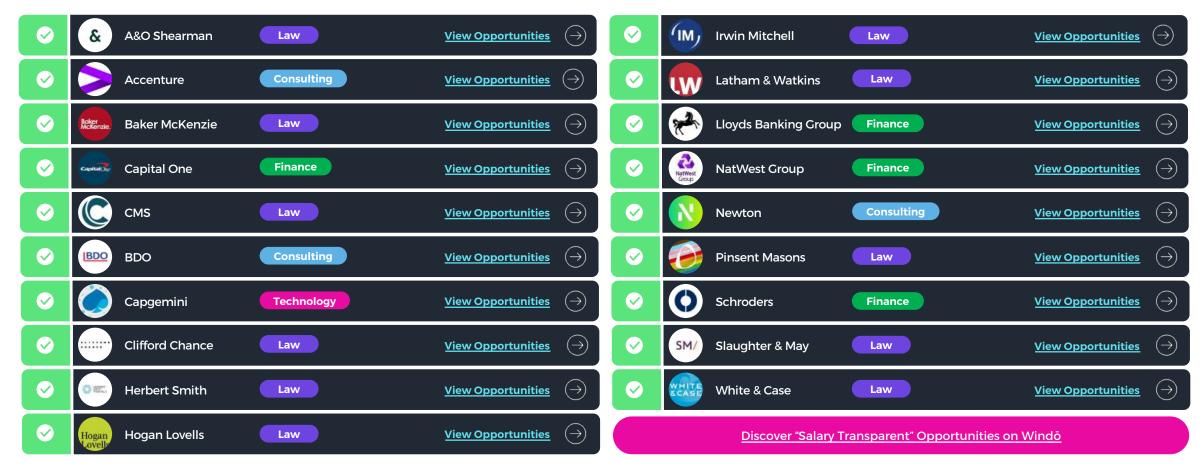


feel strongly that employers should disclose the graduate salary or salary range upfront on job descriptions. Windo

Top Graduate Employers for Salary Transparency



Just 113 of the 617 (or 18%) of full-time early career opportunities tracked by Windō have the salary or salary ranges listed.

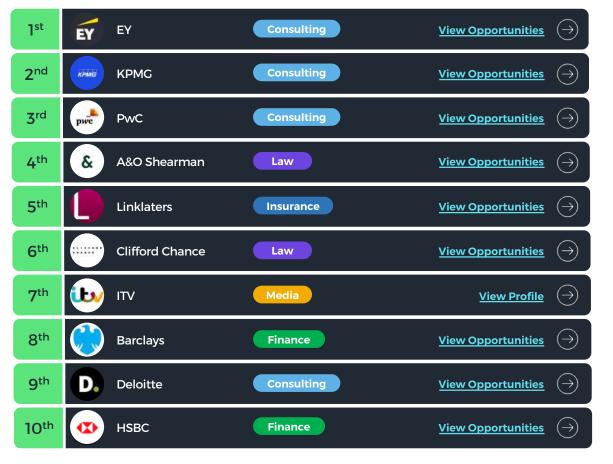


Social Mobility



of young talent believe that a potential employer should publicly advocate for Class Equality. *Windō*

Top Graduate Employers for Social Mobility



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Disability Inclusion

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A true "Social Mobility" employer should be sharing data for at least 3 of the below. As the list goes down, the metrics become easier to report on.

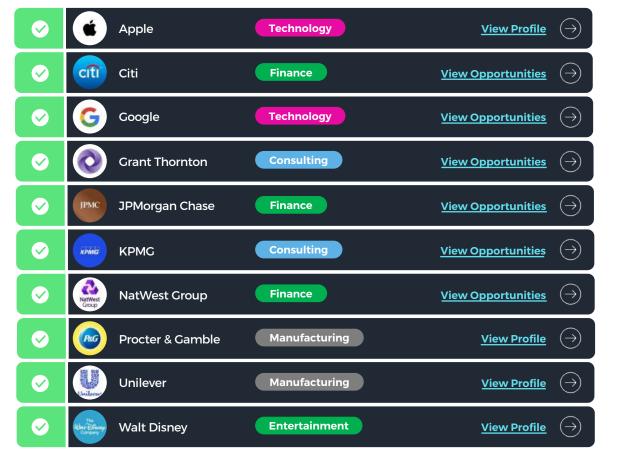
Socio-Economic Pay Gap Data	Top 2%
Overall Socio-Economic Representation Data	Top 5%
Awards as a Socio-Economic Inclusive Employer	Top 10%
Public Statements in Support of Social Mobility	Top 10%
Socio-Economic Senior Leadership Target	
Socio-Economic Board Diversity Target	
Overall Socio-Economic Representation Target	
Quote from Senior Leaders on Social Mobility	
Video on Social Mobility DEI Initiatives	
Socio-Economic Board Diversity Data	
Socio-Economic Leadership Data	

Open About Mistakes



of young talent consider a company being open about their Mistakes and Challenge as deciding factor when evaluating potential employers. Windo

Graduate Employers that have publicly acknowledged and apologised for their mistakes and challenges



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Look at the company's public communications, such as annual reports, blog posts, and social media. Companies that are transparent often address setbacks, lessons learned, and improvements made in these channels.



25%

of young talent look at Wikipedia's Controversies to get a better understanding of their Sustainability and DEI. *Windō*



We're all encouraged to admit to mistakes when we make them and for that to not apply to corporations who are often making huge mistakes that impact a large amount of people, the same level of apology and plan to fix it should be required.

Matilda Thorley | President of The 93% Club Manchester

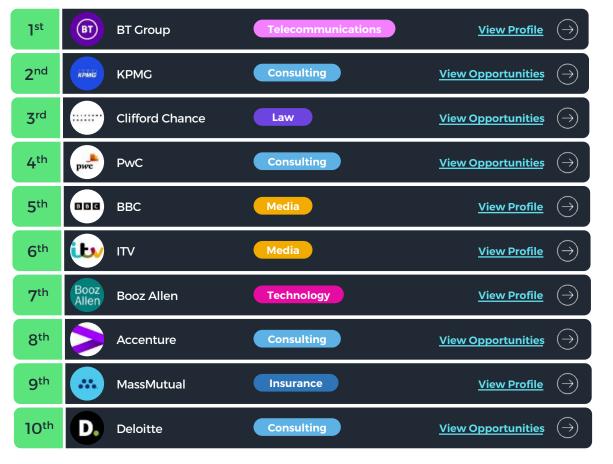
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Disability Inclusion



of UK Young Talent believe that companies should publicly advocate for Disability Equality. *Windō*

Top Graduate Employers for Disability Inclusion



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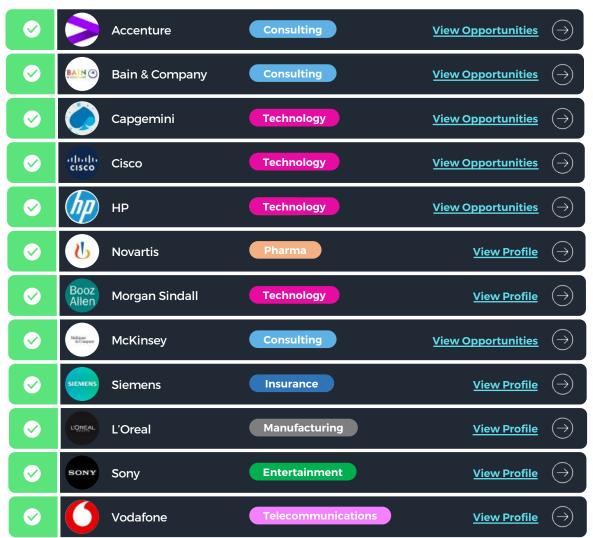
Cover Letters Interview Topics

A true "Disability Inclusive" employer should be sharing data for at least 3 of the below. As the list goes down, the metrics become easier to report on.

Disabled Board Members Breakdown Data 1%	Top 1%
Disability Pay Gap Data 3%	Top 3%
Disabled Senior Leaders Breakdown Data 7%	Top 7 %
Awards & Recognition for Disability Inclusion 25%	Top 25%
Public Statements in Support of Disability Inclusion 25%	Top 25%
Overall Workforce Disability Breakdown Data 30%	Top 30%
Disabled Senior Leaders Representation Target	
Disabled Board Members Representation Target	
Overall Disability Representation Target	
Quote from a Senior Leader on Disability	
Video on Disability DEI Initiatives	

Environment

Top Graduate Employers for Environmental Sustainability



Employer Checklist

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Cover Letters

Interview Topics

A true "Environmentally Sustainable" employer should be sharing data for at least 3 of the below. As the list goes down, the metrics become easier to report on.

Have a Net Zero Target Date

Share their Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions data



Have SBTi Verified Near Term and Long-Term Targets



One of 362 to make the CDP Climate Change A List



Engage employees in sustainability initiatives



Have reputable awards for their environmental efforts



Share their renewable energy usage



of young talent are looking for internships and/or full-time graduate roles that involve "sustainability".



of young talent consider a commitment to the environment as a priority when researching a potential employer.

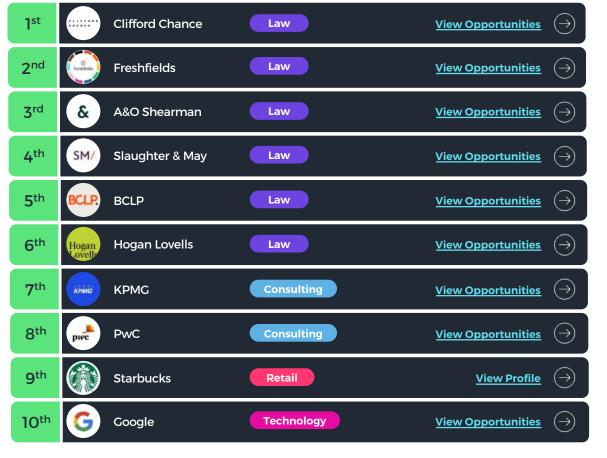
Discover "Sustainability" Related Opportunities on Windo





of young talent believe that a potential employer should publicly advocate for LGBTQ+ Equality. $\textit{Wind}\tilde{o}$

Top Graduate Employers for LGBTQ+ Rights



Employer Checklist

Cover Letters Interview Topics

A true "LGBTQ+ Inclusive" employer should be sharing data for at least 3 of the below. As the list goes down, the metrics become easier to report on.



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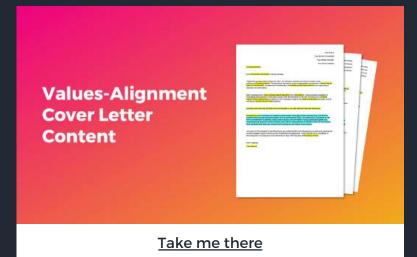
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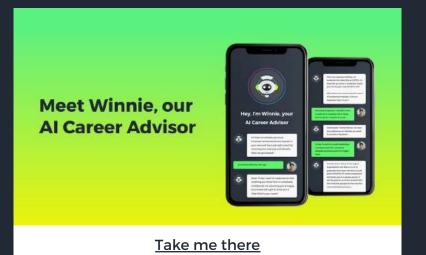


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Methodology for determining Top Graduate Employers by Value

Gender Equality

- Report on overall female workforce representation
- Have made public pledges to advance gender equality
- Have received reputable external recognition as gender inclusive employer
- Female Senior Leaders at 30% or above
- Female Board Representation at 40% or above

Racial Justice

- Publish Ethnicity Pay Data
- Public Statements in support of Racial Justice
- External Recognition as Ethnic Minority Inclusive Employer
- Then sorted by those with greatest Ethnic Minority in Senior Leadership

Salary Transparent

Provide salary or salary ranges for full-time graduate roles

Social Mobility

- Collect/started to collect socio-economic workforce data
- Public statements in support of social mobility
- External recognition as socio-economic inclusive employer



Open About Mistakes

1. Windō was able to find an example where a company made a mistake, and the company or C-suite leader issued an apology. You can find these on their DEI profile on Windō

Disability Inclusion

Report on 3 or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Overall Workforce Representation
- 2. Senior Leadership Representation
- 3. Board Representation
- 4. Pay Gap Data
- 5. Public Statements in support of Disability Inclusion
- 6. Awards & Recognition

For organisations that report on the same number of criteria we then order them by highest % of senior leaders and then by highest % of overall workforce that identify as having a disability.

Environment

- SBTi verified Net Zero Target
- 2. Feature on the CDP Climate Change A List
- 3. Report on Scope 1, 2 and 3 Emissions

LGBTQ+ Rights

Report on 5 out of the 6 data points

- 1. Overall LGBTQ+ Workforce Representation
- 2. LGBTQ+ Senior Leadership Representation
- 3. LGBTQ+ Board
- 4. Sexual Orientation Pay Gap Data
- 5. LGBTQ+ Public Statements
- 6. External Recognition as an LGBTQ+ Inclusive Employer

Then ordered by those that have the greatest % of employees in their overall workforce that identify as LGBTQ+

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