



Media Release

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Chamber members fly flag for North-east business

Three members of Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce are vying for national recognition at the Chamber Awards in London this week.

Already named as Scottish winners, Acumen Accountants, Portlethen Academy and Elan Hair Design are representing the region at the prestigious awards on Thursday (Nov 26) organised by the British Chambers of Commerce.

- Acumen Accountants and Advisors is a regional winner in the People Development Award, which recognises organisations that demonstrate excellence in the promotion and implementation of a learning and development culture.
- Portlethen Academy represents Scotland in the Education and Business Partnership Award, which recognises schools and further education colleges that engage effectively with business. It has demonstrated the way in which it works with businesses to help its pupils gain an understanding of the world of work and develop the crucial employability skills that employers value.
- Élan Hair Design is a regional winner in the Business in the Community Award, which recognises businesses that show innovation, creativity and a sustained commitment to corporate responsibility and responsible business practice.

Over 70 businesses have been selected in eight business categories from hundreds of entries right across the UK. The national Chamber Awards, now in their 12th year, are a highlight of the UK business calendar, showcasing the pivotal role local businesses play in the country's continuing growth story.

Robert Collier, chief executive of Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce, said: "The Chamber is at the heart of a strong and sustainable economy and our members are at the heart of the Chamber.

“We will be down in London on Thursday, supporting our members, and we are also proud to be nominated for two awards, for Excellence in Membership Services and also Most Effective Campaigning.

“Having three members represented is a well-deserved reflection of the strength and dynamism of the region in which we operate and we are proud to fly the flag for North-east business.”

Nora Senior, president of the British Chambers of Commerce said: “The Chamber Awards are the perfect opportunity to take stock of the outstanding performances of UK businesses over the past year – something made all the more impressive by the continuing global economic headwinds they are facing.

“The creativity and determination that has been shown by each year’s entrants never ceases to impress us, and is a source of encouragement knowing that our economy is being driven by such hard-working and talented professionals.

“It’s important that we recognise and celebrate these businesses, and ensure that we can provide the support and assistance they need to help them realise their growth ambitions, as well as sharing their experiences with their peers to help us to continue to develop a balanced and prosperous economy.”

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Notes to editor

- The 2015 Chamber Awards culminate in a Gala Dinner that takes place on November 26th 2015 at The Brewery in London. The awards are proudly supported by BT Business, Composite Legal Expenses, The British Library, Dell, DHL Express, NFU Mutual, and Qdos Consulting. For further information visit www.chamberawards.co.uk
- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) is North-east Scotland's leading private sector, member-focused, business organisation. The Chamber represents more than 1,350 businesses with almost 130,000 employees in the private sector covering all industry sectors, ranging in size from sole traders to multi-national corporations.

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