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Nominations open for Northern Star Business Awards

Nominations for the North-east's business Oscars - the 2018 Northern Star Business Awards - open today (Tuesday).

Now in their fifteenth year, the high profile awards recognise companies around the region for exceptional accomplishments across a range of fields, from energy to innovation, customer service to people development.

Organised by Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce, this year will see three new categories introduced and the long-standing awards refreshed to better reflect the diversity and success of organisations operating across the city and shire.

The closing date for nominations is Tuesday, March 27 at 5pm.

Categories available for nominations this year are:

- Going Global
- Marketing Magic
- Inspiration from Innovation
- Inspiring Futures
- Staff Matter
- Customer First
- Excellence in Health and Safety
- Making the Difference
- Business of the Year
- Rising Star
- Eco Hero

New for 2018 is the Family Business award, recognising the true beacons of family-run organisations in the North-east. There are also Lifetime Achievement and Student Placement awards which are announced on the night.

Head of membership Seona Shand said: "The Northern Star Business Awards are a high point in the North-east business calendar, giving businesses from every sector the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their success and achievements.

"Nominating your company is the first step in the process; and competition for a finalist spot is always tough. All the award categories attract interest from across every sector of the business community."

Last year a total of 42 finalists joined 600 guests to celebrate excellence and entrepreneurship during the spectacular evening at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre. This year's award ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 27.

A workshop for anyone interested in submitting a nomination will take place at the Chamber on March 7, with guidance from previous winners and information about the judging process. Free to attend, the event is open to all.

Nomination forms are available online at www.agcc.co.uk/northern-star for further information contact events@agcc.co.uk.

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Notes to editor

- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) is North-east Scotland's leading member-focused business organisation representing more than 1,200 businesses with almost 125,000 employees in the private sector covering all industry sectors, ranging in size from sole traders to multi-national corporations.

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