



Media Release

Finalists announced for Northern Star Business Awards

The finalists have been announced for the Northern Star Business Awards, Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce's annual accolades for successful businesses across the region.

The awards, held in partnership with Sage, recognise companies in the North-east for their exceptional accomplishments across a range of fields from internationalisation and innovation to people development, environmental action and customer service.

The winners will be announced at a glittering ceremony at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre on September 27, hosted this year by BBC broadcaster and journalist Fiona Stalker.

The finalists in the categories are:

- Going Global
 - activpayroll
 - Add Energy
 - BioTechnics
- Inspiration from Innovation
 - Glencraft (Aberdeen) Limited
 - MAC Architects
 - Return to Scene Ltd
- Staff Matter
 - Bon Accord Care
 - Marathon Oil UK
 - Phil Anderson Financial Services Ltd
- Customer First
 - Breakout Games Aberdeen
 - Chatten Quality Meats
 - Dial-a-Community Bus

- The Aberdeen Altens Hotel
- Marketing Magic
 - Aberdeen Performing Arts
 - Big Partnership (in partnership with Aberdeen Football Club)
 - Fierce Beer
 - Maggie's Aberdeen
- Making the Difference
 - Aberdeen Performing Arts
 - DAB Plus
 - Glencraft
 - Sport Aberdeen
 - Station House Media Unit (shmu)
- Family Business
 - Laings
 - Mackie's of Scotland
 - The OTL Group
- Business of the Year
 - activpayroll
 - Balmoral Group
 - WM Donald Limited
- Rising Star
 - Hall Morrice Corporate Finance – Melanie Gilmour
 - Mearns & Gill – Andrew Spence
 - VisitAberdeenshire – Raeanne Verlegh
- Student Placement
 - BW Offshore
 - DAI (Digital Applications International)
 - Repsol Sinopec Resources UK Ltd
- Eco Hero

- Aberkil
- Dab Den Ltd
- Grampian Housing Association
- Inspiring Futures
 - Anderson Anderson Brown and Oldmachar Academy
 - Glen Tanar Estate and Aboyne Academy (*in partnership with Hospitality Training, Springboard and Hilton Craigendarroch*)
 - Macphie and Mearns Academy
 - Wood and Northfield Academy

The winner of the final award – for lifetime achievement - is announced on the night.

Chamber chief executive Russell Borthwick said: “The Northern Star Business Awards are a highpoint in the calendar for North-east businesses, showcasing the achievements of organisations across every sector in our dynamic region.

“The competition for a finalist spot is always tough and this year is no exception. The quality of entries we received demonstrates that Aberdeen city and shire is not only open for business but outstanding work is being done by companies of all shapes and sizes and that should be celebrated.”

Over £6,000 was raised for local charities through the generosity of the hundreds of guests who attended last year’s event. This year, the chosen charities nominated to receive a share of monies raised at the event are Dial-a-Bus, Me Too!, Marie Curie, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation and Mental Health Aberdeen.

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Notes to editor

Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) is North-east Scotland's leading private sector, member-focused, business organisation. The Chamber represents more than 1,200 businesses with around 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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