



# Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce

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## Media Release

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### Nominations open for Northern Star Business Awards

The North-east's leading business organisation today (Thursday) invited businesses to nominate themselves as "Northern Stars".

Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce is launching this year's Northern Star Business Awards, now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, which recognise companies around the North-east for exceptional accomplishments across a range of fields from social responsibility to innovation, customer service to achievements in internationalisation.

There are 13 award categories open to businesses keen to highlight their accomplishments.

The categories available for nominations are:

- Achievement in International Business
- Best Campaign of the Year
- Commitment to Innovative Use of Research & Development
- Commitment to People Development
- Excellence in Customer Service
- Excellence in Health & Safety
- Excellence & Innovation in Procurement
- Outstanding Contribution to the Energy Sector
- Outstanding Contribution to Society
- Overall Business of the Year
- Rising Star
- Student Placement
- The Green Award

There is also a lifetime achievement award which is announced on the night. Last year, former principal of North East Scotland College, Rob Wallen, was handed this accolade for his outstanding contribution to the region. Previous winners of this award have included Professor Sir Duncan Rice, Sir Malcolm Bruce, Sir Ian Wood and Jimmy Milne CBE.

39 finalists and over 700 guests attended the award ceremony at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre.

Chief executive at the Chamber Russell Borthwick said: "The Northern Star Business Awards are a highpoint for the Chamber, giving North-east 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 high. All the award categories attract interest from across every sector of the business community.

"It really is time to shine for North-east businesses."

The winners are announced at AECC on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Nomination forms are available online at [www.northernstarawards.co.uk](http://www.northernstarawards.co.uk), for further information contact [events@agcc.co.uk](mailto:events@agcc.co.uk).

The closing date for nominations is Friday, April 21, 2017 at 12noon.

## **Ends**

### **Notes to editor**

- Please find attached an image of Chamber chief executive Russell Borthwick, an image from the awards last year and a copy of this year's logo.
- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) is North-east Scotland's leading member-focused business organisation. The Chamber represents more than 1,250 businesses with almost 125,000 employees in the private sector covering all industry sectors, ranging in size from sole traders to multi-national corporations.
- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce delivers over 100 events each year as part of the 'ultimate business network' and look to strive to give all our members the opportunity to develop their business, participate in a range of networking events and delve into issues affecting North-east Scotland.

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