



EDINBURGH COMPANIES IN RUNNING FOR TOP BUSINESS AWARDS

Four innovative Edinburgh companies are in the running for prestigious UK business accolades.

Nick Price, Managing Director of Bright Purple Resourcing, was voted Scotland's Entrepreneur of the Year, sponsored by BT Directories, while Dubblecheck Cleaning Edinburgh won the Excellence in Customer Service Award, sponsored by AXA PPP healthcare. Meanwhile Business Stream collected the Excellence in People Development Award and Jurys Inn picked up Scotland's Sustainability Award, sponsored by the British Standards Institution (BSI).

All four companies are now finalists in their categories for the UK title in the Chamber Awards hosted by the British Chambers of Commerce, which were created to celebrate the UK's most successful businesses.

John Longworth, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce, said: "The health of the UK's economy relies upon the confidence of our businesses to grow, invest and create jobs. That's why the British Chambers of Commerce has been working hard to ensure government makes good on its promises to encourage enterprise, and do everything in its power to help businesses grow.

"All the good things we want to see in society depend on business and wealth creation. These awards provide a snapshot of some of the most impressive companies from across the country. Many of these business owners are working day in day out to build upon the companies they have built from scratch, creating jobs in local communities, and contributing to the economic recovery we so desperately need. We're delighted to be able to celebrate the success of these companies through the Chamber Awards."

Nick Price, whose Bright Purple Resourcing is based in Rose Street, is a real life success story having left school at 16 with no qualifications and now 34 years later he is at the helm of a leading, specialist recruitment company. Dubblecheck Cleaning, in Clayhills Park, Balerno, is another success story, developing a strong reputation within the commercial cleaning market by giving customers a personal touch.

Business Stream, of Lochside View, was singled out for its investment in its people who have helped to build the water and waste water services company, while Jurys Inn in Jeffrey Street won its award for its 'reuse, reduce and recycle' approach, which has delivered considerable savings and made a positive impact on the environment.

Having won awards in Scotland, the four companies are now competing for the UK prize in their categories, as well as the chance to collect the **Award for Outstanding Business Achievement** – with a top prize of **£25,000** and runner up prizes of **£15,000** and **£10,000**.

There are nine categories, backed by high profile sponsors including RBS and NatWest, BT Business, BT Directories, Dell, DHL Express, the British Standards Institution (BSI), AXA PPP healthcare and Westfield Health. The national winners will be announced at a ceremony at London's Grand Connaught Rooms on November 24th 2011.

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Notes to editors:

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) is the national voice of local business.

The BCC sits at the heart of a powerful nationwide network of Accredited Chambers of Commerce, serving over **100,000 businesses** across the UK, which **employ over five million people**.

For more information visit: **www.britishchambers.org.uk**

There are nine categories in the annual Chamber Awards. Most Promising New Business, sponsored by BT Business, Entrepreneur of the Year, sponsored by BT Directories, Business of the Year, sponsored by Westfield Health, Innovation Through Technology, sponsored by Dell, Achievement in International Business, sponsored by DHL Express, The Sustainability Award, sponsored by the British Standards Institution (BSI), Excellence in Customer Service, sponsored by AXA PPP healthcare, Excellence in People Development, sponsored by Composite Legal Expenses and Finding New International Markets, sponsored by RBS and NatWest. The Award for Outstanding Business Achievement, sponsored by RBS and NatWest, is awarded to the overall winner, selected from any category.