

Heads of the Valleys Innovation Awards 2008 Information



The 2008 Heads of the Valleys Innovation Awards honour and acknowledge the most innovative businesses in the Heads of the Valleys region. The Awards are an opportunity to gain recognition for any business activity that has been implemented and had a dramatic and beneficial impact on any aspect of the business, its products or services or on its customers, associates or staff. There are a number of sponsored categories covering a wide range of business activity in the area. Remember, innovation is not just about landing people on the moon – it can be related to something small scale that has a very powerful or highly significant outcome.

Let's recognise and celebrate success!

HOW DO I ENTER?

You can enter the awards by nominating yourself, your company or another company and completing the Awards entry form. The application process is short and simple!

There are 4 Awards categories – decide which category best suits your business. All entrants must be based in the Heads of the Valleys region (any businesses in one of the five local authority areas - Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Rhondda Cynon Taf Borough Council or Torfaen County Borough Council).

Completed entries must be returned to Phil Burkhard, HOVIP Manager by 12 noon on Friday 6 JUNE 2008. Please take note of the closing date as we have a strict policy and will not accept late entries.

The Awards entry form can be downloaded from www.hovip.org.uk under Innovation Awards.

WHAT ARE THE AWARDS CATEGORIES AND PRIZES?

There are 4 distinct categories in the 2008 Innovation Awards. Select the category that best suits your business.

➤ **Most Innovative Sole Trader**

Sponsored by HSBC Bank plc

Prize: £500 cash prize plus a package of preferential services for the winning company

➤ **Most Innovative Business with less than 20 employees**

Sponsored by ngb2b (Newport & Gwent Chamber of Commerce)

Prize: £500 cash prize plus package of preferential services for the winning company

➤ **Most Innovative Business with more than 20 employees**

Sponsored by BT

Prize: £500 cash prize

➤ **Most Innovative Social Enterprise**

Sponsored by NESTA, the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts

Prize: £1000 cash prize plus related marketing support from NESTA for the winning organisation.

Winners will each receive a trophy to celebrate their success and will also be promoted through the HOVIP programme with the winning entries publicised on www.hovip.org.uk

Thank-you to all of our Sponsors



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WHEN ARE THE AWARDS ANNOUNCED AND PRESENTED?

The closing date for entries is 12 noon on Friday 6 June 2008. Winners in all categories will be announced at a presentation event at the Heads of the Valleys Innovation Marketplace on Thursday 26 June 2008 at the Parkway Hotel in Cwmbran.

WHO WILL JUDGE THE AWARDS?

The judges for the 2008 Awards are:

Most Innovative Sole Trader Category

Jeff Grosvenor, Commercial Manager, HSBC

Jeff Harris, Commercial Manager, Merthyr Tydfil College / University of Glamorgan (tbc)

Chris James, Managing Director, Ciotek Ltd.

Most Innovative Business with less than 20 employees Category

David Phillips, Chief Executive, Wales Quality Centre

Janet Scicluna, Holder Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion, Janet Scicluna Associates (tbc)

David Russ, Managing Director, Newport & Gwent Enterprise

Most Innovative Business with more than 20 employees Category

Ceri Fitzpatrick, BT Partnership Director for Wales

Christine Bissex, Head of Enterprise, Merthyr Tydfil College / University of Glamorgan

Meirion Thomas, Director, CM International

Most Innovative Social Enterprise Category

Richie Turner, Wales Manager, National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts

Shannon Robinson, Chief Executive, Community Enterprise Wales

Jonathan Deacon, Newport Business School, University of Wales Newport.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

- To enter, please complete the Awards entry form which can be downloaded from the Innovation Awards section of www.hovip.org.uk Email your completed entry to Phil Burkhard at phil.burkhard@merthyr.gov.uk
Remember the application process is short and simple!
- Entries will be judged on this written submission. The assessment criteria will particularly focus on the degree of innovation, benefits and sustainability.
- The judges will review the entries week commencing 16 June 2008 and the winners in each category will be announced at the Innovation Marketplace at the Parkway Hotel in Cwmbran on Thursday 26 June 2008.



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GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

- The closing date for entries is 12 noon on Friday 6 June 2008.
- Only one entry per business, no longer than 4 pages (including supporting information)
- All entries must be on the official Awards entry form (available at www.hovip.org.uk under Innovation Awards)
- All entrants must be based in the Heads of the Valleys region in one of these local authority areas - Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Rhondda Cynon Taf Borough Council or Torfaen County Borough Council.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- HOVIP and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council accept no responsibility for the loss, late delivery or damage to material submitted.

Download the Awards entry form from the Innovation Awards section of
www.hovip.org.uk

Please email your completed entry to
Phil Burkhard, HOVIP Manager, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council,
at phil.burkhard@merthyr.gov.uk

to arrive NO LATER THAN 12 noon on 6 JUNE 2008.

Any queries, please contact Phil Burkhard on 01685 725 469 / 07816 756 509

Thank you and Good Luck!



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