

JUDGING PROCESS TO BEGIN FOR BUSINESS AWARDS

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The first round of the judging process for the main Business Awards of this year's Guernsey Awards for Achievement is set to begin over the next couple of weeks. Entries are now in for three main business awards; the NatWest Best Small Business Award, the BWCI Best Medium Business Award and the Healthspan Best Large Business Award and the process is underway to find three short listed companies for each category.

The Minister for Commerce & Employment, who are responsible for staging the Awards, Deputy Carla McNulty Bauer said, 'We are delighted that despite the challenging economic climate once again this year a wide variety of local businesses have taken the time to put their nominations forward for this year's Business Awards.'

The judging panel comprises six leaders of the most prominent industry organisations in the island, with some extremely strong business individuals;

- Deputy Robert Sillars, Chairman of Business Guernsey
- Larry Granger, Director of the Confederation of Guernsey Industry
- Julia Le Tissier, President of the Young Business Group
- Mark Thompson, Chairman of the Institute of Directors
- Julian Winser, President of the Chamber of Commerce
- Jane Le Maitre, Council Member, Guernsey International Business Association

Chairman of the judging panel and member of Commerce & Employment, Deputy Robert Sillars, said the wealth of experience amongst the judges would make for a thorough and intense judging period.

'All the judges have vast and current experience of the local business environment and are extremely well placed to know what makes a successful business, with many of them at the top of the game in their chosen professions. We are all looking forward to the difficult task of deciding just which nine companies deserve to become the short listed finalists,' he said.

The first round of the main Business Awards judging will take place over the next couple of weeks, when three short listed companies from each category will be drawn up. At the beginning of December the short listed companies will make their presentations to the judging panel and a winner for each award chosen. The short listed companies will be revealed during the first week of December and the winners announced and presented with their awards at the gala awards evening to be held at Beau Sejour on 3 February 2011.

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Judging for the Excellence in Training Award, sponsored jointly by the NP Group, IOD and GTA University Centre will take place in January, by a separate judging panel. The three short listed companies will be announced at the beginning of next year.

Entries for the Specsavers Unsung Hero Award can be received until Friday 26 November and the closing date for the Guiton Ambassador of the Year Award is Friday 31 December. More information and entry forms can be downloaded from the awards website www.guernseyachievementawards.com

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