

IOSH North East of Scotland Branch



AGCC Northern Star Business Awards

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The Northern Star Business Awards is the Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce annual awards evening which recognises accomplishments across a range of fields. This year the North East business community gathered at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre on October 5th 2017 to celebrate excellence and entrepreneurship at the 14th annual awards ceremony.



The flagship event for the Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce was a sell out with 42 finalists amongst 600 guests there to discover the winners of the 14 awards ranging from international business, innovation, customer service, social responsibility and health & safety.

Host for the evening was BBC Scotland broadcaster Fiona Stalker; a well-respected news journalist and presenter of the activities based radio programme “Out for the Weekend”.

Five local charities were also chosen to benefit from the event. Befriend a Child, Charlie House, the Denis Law Legacy Trust, Inspire PTL and the NSPCC all shared the money raised through the generosity of the guests attending the awards ceremony.

Amongst all of the awards presented throughout the evening, the IOSH North East of Scotland Branch were proud to be the main sponsor of the Health & Safety Excellence Award which was presented by our Branch Chair Mr Roderick Laird, CFIOSH, MIIRSM.

The award is presented in recognition of a company which has demonstrated its commitment, training and procedures have had a positive impact on the overall health and safety of the business. This is awarded to recognise forward thinking organisations that care for their employees not only because they have a moral duty, but because they have identified it as vital to their business success.

The three finalists shortlisted to receive this prestigious award were Stewart Milne Group, Brewdog PLC and Total Waste Management Alliance (TWMA).

Following official adjudication by the judging panel prior to the event, the winner of the Excellence in Health and Safety Award 2107 was presented to Stewart Milne Group.

Stewart Milne Group was established in 1975 and is one of the UK’s leading independent housebuilders and offsite timber frame manufacturers. It is headquartered in Aberdeen with further offices in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester and Oxford. Employing over 800 staff with an annual turnover in excess of £210m, Stewart Milne Group have built a reputation of quality, excellence in customer care and demonstrated a strong culture of health and safety in the business.



Pictured Left to right:
Roderick Laird, CFIOSH, MIIRSM (IOSH Branch Chair),
Harry Murji and Neil Thomson (Stewart Milne Group –
Construction Managers)



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In 2016 the Stewart Milne Group was awarded the RoSPA Gold Medal for Health and Safety for the seventh consecutive year.

Brewdog PLC came in a very close second and received a highly commended award for their submission and achievements in health and safety with Total Waste Management Alliance awarded a very worthwhile third place.

The event was a tremendous success with a great attendance and support shown by IOSH North East of Scotland Branch Committee. Congratulations to all of this year's winners for each of their respective categories and again Stewart Milne Group for their Excellence in Health & Safety Award.



Picture left to right:
Andy McNair (IOSH Branch Secretary),
Yvonne Gilfillan (IOSH Branch Committee Member) and
Roderick Laird (IOSH Branch Chair)



Picture left to right:
Ellie Apperly (IOSH Branch Joint Vice Chair), Richard Cunningham (IOSH Branch Treasurer), Stewart Melvin (past IOSH Programme Secretary)



Picture left to right:
Adam Brown (IOSH Branch Committee Member), Bruce Spence (IOSH Branch Vice Chair) and Paul Millar (OSPR & IOSH Guest)

Do you feel your business is committed to achieving the highest standards of excellence and should be recognised for its commitment to health and safety in the workplace, then why not become a nominee for the 2018 Northern Star Business Awards, Excellence in Health & Safety. The nominations go out in March of each year and companies wanting to be considered for the award must answer a series of questions detailing how you effectively manage health and safety within the workplace.

In June a panel of judges will meet to review the information supplied by the nominees to decide on the winner. There are four judges on the panel which include representation from the IOSH North East of Scotland category sponsor. The entrants will be shortlisted as finalists and invited to attend the awards dinner ceremony held in October, where you could be recognised for your hard work and dedication.

More information on this event can be found on the AGCC Website at, www.agcc.co.uk or feel free to contact the IOSH North East of Scotland Branch Committee at, www.iosh.co.uk North East of Scotland Branch.

