

Scottish Awards for Business Excellence 2008-2009

Quality Scotland recently celebrated the 16th Annual Scottish Awards for Business Excellence (2008-2009) at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

As stated by Sir Andrew Cubie, "*The last year in Quality Scotland has brought new challenges and fresh opportunities in our mission to 'Make Excellence a National Characteristic of Scotland'.*"

The theme of this year's awards would be best described as working with partners, be they the traditional definition of partners or the loose version that makes all our contacts valuable partners in progressing the Quality Scotland mission in making Scotland a better place for business, communities and individuals.

The Scottish Awards for Business Excellence are the most rigorous and prestigious business awards in Scotland, allowing organisations across all sectors to assess performance and to benchmark achievements against other organisations.

Entering Quality Scotland's awards scheme allows each organisation to gain valuable feedback and be measured against a European benchmark of Excellence with all participants showing an outstanding obligation and enthusiasm to continuous improvement.

This year's Awards debuted Quality Scotland's new 'Ambassador Award', created to recognise those who have continually represented Scotland as an 'Ambassador' for Excellence and assisting Quality Scotland in its mission to 'Make Excellence a National Characteristic of Scotland'.

Carla Guerra, Programme Manager of Partnerships and Publications, EFQM, was also in attendance at this year's ceremony to present the future plans of EFQM as well as celebrate the achievements of Scottish organisations. (to view this presentation, please see www.qualityscotland.co.uk).

Furthermore, Dr. Alaine Sommerville, launched Quality Scotland's Leadership Programme held in conjunction with Edinburgh Napier University. (please see www.qualityscotland.co.uk for more information).

The 2008-2009 winners are as follows:

Committed to Excellence Recipients

- * Quarriers
- * East Renfrewshire Community Learning and Development Partnership
- * Trust Housing Association
- * Cornerstone
- * Barony Housing Association
- * NHS NSS Scottish Health Service Centre
- * Employers in Voluntary Housing (EVH)



- * Alzheimer Scotland
- * Glasgow Housing Association
- * AEGON UK Corporate Pensions

Recognised for Excellence – Gold

- * Stow College

Recognised for Excellence – Bronze

- * Dundee City Council Social Work Services
- * NHS National Services Scotland Practitioner Services
- * SAAS
- * Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Winner of the Scottish WOW! Of The Year

- * Caledonian Therapy Academy

Ambassador Award – NEW

- * Voluntary Sector Network (VSN)

Leadership Award Winner

- * Sir Sandy Crombie, Chief Executive, Standard Life PLC

Corporate Citizen Award in conjunction with Scottish Business in the Community

- * Sodexo



People Development Award in conjunction with IIP Scotland

- * ITF

2008–2009 Scottish Award for Business Excellence Winner

- * Stow College

If you would like further information on how to apply for the next Scottish Awards for Business Excellence, please contact Ann Pike on 0131 556 2333. Alternatively, please email ann.pike@qualityscotland.co.uk.



2008–09 Award Winners – Stow College