

Social Business Wales Awards 2016

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Foreword

Recognising excellence amongst the social business sector in Wales, the Social Business Wales Awards creates a fantastic opportunity for many different types of social business to come together and celebrate the successes and achievements of the sector.

Now in their sixth year, the Social Business Wales Awards have become known as the leading awards scheme for the sector. I'm delighted to see the number of fantastic businesses that have entered this year.

The standard of entries from across Wales has been very high, illustrating that our social businesses are making an important contribution to the Welsh economy whilst delivering significant social and environmental benefits. These Awards will ensure they gain the recognition they deserve.

I send my congratulations to all those on the shortlist and wish them best of luck at the Awards Ceremony.

Ken Skates AM,
Cabinet Secretary for
Economy and Infrastructure



Social Business Wales Awards 2016

Part of the Social Business Wales project, which is delivered by the Wales Co-operative Centre, the Social Business Wales Awards are funded by the European Regional Development Fund and Welsh Government. This year, the Award Categories have been sponsored by Acuity Legal, BIC Innovation, Charity Bank, Hugh James Solicitors, Landsker Business Solutions, Legal & General and NatWest, with additional support from the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

The Finalists

Culture and Leisure

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Denbighshire Music Co-operative (DMC) provides peripatetic music to 75 schools with a team of 55 self-employed teacher members. DMC also employs 2 full time staff, 3-part time staff and covers 4500 pupils a week with specialist music lessons in schools.



Torfaen Leisure Trust (TLT) manages five leisure facilities in Torfaen, serving a population of 90,000. TLT commenced trading in 2013 and describes itself as a dynamic, single-focused organisation, passionate about promoting healthier lifestyles through "FUN" activities.



Run 4 Wales is a social enterprise which delivers mass participation sporting events in Wales. Its core event has been the Cardiff Half Marathon, which has been supplemented in 2016 by a number of international running and cycling events.

Health and Social Care

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CAIS Social Enterprises Ltd (CSE) operates three social enterprises to support people who face a range of life challenges - a community hub and café for veterans, a coffee shop and bistro, and a business centre with meeting rooms, training facilities and business incubation offices.



Rhyll City Strategy improves employment and health outcomes for people facing complex and multiple barriers to employment. Its In-Work Support Service provides support for employed or self-employed people either on or at risk of sickness absence as a result of a mild to moderate health condition.



Wales Restorative Approaches Partnership works with offenders, their families and the communities to break the cycle of re-offending. It provides training and consultancy services to a range of organisations such as local councils, police and probation services, housing associations and community organisations.

Education, Training & Employment

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Cycle Training Wales promotes cycling as a means of transport and recreational activity through the provision of educational activities, training services and refurbished bicycles. It currently delivers National Standard school cycle training, adult cycle training and a wide range of bicycle maintenance courses.



The Fern Partnership is a charity linked to Ferndale Community School. Its objectives are to advance the education of the pupils of Ferndale Community School and enhance the Health and Wellbeing of local people and the wider community.



Full Circle Education provides services to schools, youth and community settings to improve youth well-being. Its youth projects, training, events and curriculum resources aim to connect children and young people with their limitless potential, by challenging the barriers faced to school attendance, attainment and aspirations.

Environmental

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Awel Aman Tawe has established two separate environmental co-operatives - Egni has installed solar panels on 5 community buildings, the first solar co-op in Wales, whilst Awel is currently building a 4.7MW wind farm.



Dulas is a small co-operative based in Machynlleth, which delivers renewable energy solutions to businesses, landowners and charities. From hydro dams in Austria to solar powered vaccine fridges in Zambia, Dulas innovates the technology required and delivers it.



Greenstream Flooring takes otherwise 'wasted' carpet tiles and, via the engagement of long-term unemployed placements and volunteer opportunities, converts them into re-usable carpets, many of which support low income social housing tenants unable to otherwise afford the basic warmth, comfort, and dignity that carpets provide.

Consumer Facing

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Bangor Gymnastics offers high quality gymnastics training to children and young people in North West Wales. It has 480 members and offers gymnastics activities to the local community in an inclusive and bilingual manner, regardless of age, gender or disability.



Market Hall Cinema is Wales' oldest cinema and the only remaining cinema in Blaenau Gwent. In 2013 it was taken over by the local community with a simple business proposition - to sell 'seats and sweets'. It invests its profit into upgrading the building and community activities such as dance classes, painting courses, music workshops and film making courses.



Too Good to Waste operates a furniture & electrical re-use business in the heart of the South Wales valleys. It offers a free service collecting items of preowned, re-usable furniture, electrical & household items from residential homes and businesses, and distributes these through its showrooms in Ynyshtir and Aberdare.

One to Watch

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Creating Enterprise CIC provides property maintenance services to social and private landlords, local authorities and property management companies. Through its employment academy, it provides employment and training to social housing tenants who are struggling to get into work.



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Elite Paper Solutions offers a confidential paper waste shredding and recycling service to private, public and voluntary sector organisations throughout South Wales. The business provides employment, training and volunteering opportunities to people with disabilities or those experiencing disadvantage.

In addition, winners of sector categories, which have been trading for less than two years will also be finalists in this category.

Social Enterprise of The Year

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Finalists for this category will be the winners of sector categories, which have been trading for longer than two years.

Additional Information



Our Host Jane Harvey

Jane Harvey is an experienced journalist and TV presenter, working for broadcasters including BBC Wales (Week in Week Out, X-Ray) and ITV (We Can Work It Out, Find A Fortune, The Ferret). She has spent 10 + years volunteering and working in the third sector and now helps not for profit organisations put communications at the heart of what they do.



Our Performers Organised Kaos

Organised Kaos Youth Circus Ltd is a contemporary circus company, trading from its base in the South Wales valleys and working on an international platform. It is a not-for-profit social enterprise where all money made from its activities is reinvested into its circus training school, making arts-based participation available to all members of its Welsh community. For more information visit.

www.organisedkaos.org.uk



UK & Welsh Social Enterprise of the Year 2015 - Vi-Ability

Founded in Conwy, Vi-Ability was developed to address the problems of unstable football clubs and economic inactivity amongst young people. In offering innovative training courses and qualifications in commercial sports management, Vi-Ability has managed to transform sports clubs, changed thousands of young lives and helped to build stronger more sustainable communities across the world.

www.vi-ability.org