8th Annual Awards

Midlands Business Awards

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Friday 28th February 2014
Hilton Birmingham Metropole,
National Exhibition Centre,
Birmingham B40 1PP.
6.30pm
What they are saying about the Midlands Business Awards:

Kay Alexander BBC Midlands Presenter & former Host of the Midlands Business Awards

“The Awards seem to get bigger & better every year, which I think is very exciting and the quality of the entries has really gone up – that is the big change over the years.

The people who are entering are of such a high calibre now, and that’s very exciting – it shows that the Awards have a big reputation, and it’s an Award worth winning.”

Sir John Egan Chancellor Coventry University, Former Chairman of Jaguar Cars, & Severn Trent, & Chief Executive BAA:

“You have created a wonderful Event for Business People to recognise themselves & the success they can achieve”

Jerry Blackett Chief Executive of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce group:

“What started as modest awards event has now become one of the signature events in the Midlands region”

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT


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Welcome to the
Midlands Business Awards 2014
and let’s celebrate the Midlands’ finest and enjoy the evening.

Now in our 8th Year, The Midlands Business Awards is a positive and dynamic major event in the business calendar for the whole of the Midlands region and its concept is refreshingly different.

We aim to provide a powerful stimulus in creating a legacy which embraces talent, entrepreneurs and business development.

Midlands Business Awards provides the platform for any business, from any industry, across the whole region to celebrate their success story.

Building on the success of the past seven years, 2014 will be even bigger and better both for entrants and sponsors, with a whole new programme and publicity throughout 2014, leading up to the most prestigious Awards dinner itself.

As we have proved in previous years, valuable PR can be gained by all those associated with the Midlands Business Awards.

Harjinder Singh Sandher
Founder of the Midlands Business Awards

Lucy Kite - Host
ITV Central Presenter

Programme

6.30  Reception Drinks
7.30  Introduction
7.40  Dinner
9.10  Main Awards Presentation
10.15 Lifetime Contribution to Midlands Business Award
10.30 Photos
10.45 Disco
1.00  Carriages

Entries for Nominations for 2015 will be open from 1st April 2014.
You can nominate yourself, your company and your clients.
To enter please log on to our website at: www.midlandsbusinessawards.com

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Your goals for 2014

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Midlands Business Awards Judges

Gill Hamer Partnerships Director Manufacturing Advisory Service
Bill Leech Chief Executive of Henley Business Group
Joe Elliott MBE Coventry and Warwickshire Business Man
Dhiren Katwa Senior news editor of Asian Voice, writes for The Sunday Times and Mail on Sunday and is an advisor on Diversity to several media outlets, including BBC Radio Four.
Edwina Silver (Chair of Judges) Local Business Woman and Entrepreneur, Owner of Let’s Get Social UK, Founder of Warwickshire Property Meet and Synergy 4 Business Ltd.
Richard Riley Dean of the Business School University College Birmingham
Jon Griffin Business Editor of the Birmingham Mail for more than 14 years. He was awarded the UK's Regional Business Journalist of the Year title in 2011 for his work on Jaguar Land Rover, Cadbury and MG Rover.
Mr Joe Durante MD of MIG Enterprises
Wendy Hain Director of Membership of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire & Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce
John Cave FRSA MIET - Sustainability Director for EH Smith Group Holdings Ltd, Non-Executive Director of the Midlands Environmental Business Company (MEBC) and the British Photovoltaic Association (BPVA) and advisor to Dept of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)

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Selected Charity

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MIDLANDS BUSINESS AWARDS 2014
Midlands Business Awards Finalists 2014

MIDLANDS ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR
Outstanding personal entrepreneurial performance leading to outstanding achievement with significant business breakthroughs and growth.

Gavin Meers - British Military Security - Birmingham
Colin McCarthy - Panther Warehousing - Rugby
Suleman Sacranie - 99p Shopper - Leicester
Peter O’Brien - O’Brien Contractors - Leamington-Spa
Chrissy Charles Jones - Bright Assessing - Alcester

MIDLANDS YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR
Outstanding personal entrepreneurial performance leading to outstanding achievement with significant business breakthroughs and growth (aged below 25 years on 31.07.2013).

Greta McDonald - GretaStar Ltd - Northampton
Suleman Sacranie - 99p Shopper - Leicester
Kathleen Buckingham - Altruist Enterprises - Solihull
Daniel Bridgewater - Fourth Wall Theatre Network Limited - Birmingham
Ed Coyte - Whale Ale Limited - Brailes

MIDLANDS BUSINESS CLUB OF THE YEAR
Outstanding networking club/group performance as demonstrated by consistent business results for its members.

Mansfield 2020 Limited - Mansfield
The Halesowen College Breakfast Club
Coventry Business Network - Coventry
Uber Groups - Birmingham

MIDLANDS SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR (UP TO £1M)
Outstanding standards of customer service delivered by a business.

Maria Hanson - Mee & Dee - Melbourne, Derbyshire
Sean Nicholson - Sign Solutions (SLIA) Ltd - Birmingham
Ali Baylav - Cavendish Lettings Ltd - Nottingham
Tim Goodbody - Uni-Safe Access - Atherstone
Becki Coombe - The Learn 2 Group - Coventry

MIDLANDS SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR (£1M+)
Outstanding standards of customer service delivered by a business.

Wilson Barrett - Panther Warehousing - Rugby
Lee Thomas - Aesthetics Events Staff Ltd - Coventry
Jade Collerton - UK Oak Doors - Lutterworth
Stephanie Forrester - Busy Bees Benefits - Shenstone
Gary Webb - UKDN Waterflow - Solihull
Melanie Thorn - Compton Verney House Trust - Warwickshire
MIDLANDS INNOVATION OF THE YEAR
Outstanding business innovation leading to significantly increased sales/profitability.

Alec Anderson - Koolmill Systems Limited - Solihull
Heather Barratt - Domestic & General - Bedworth
Simon Middleton - RMF Installation and Services Ltd - Harbury
Fleur Sexton - PET-Xi Training Ltd - Coventry
Natalie Davies - Sales-i - Solihull
Mick McLaughlin - Serious Games International - Coventry

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MIDLANDS UNIVERSITY (INNOVATIVE) OF THE YEAR
Outstanding performance from a university or university department, promoting entrepreneurship.

Aston University - Birmingham
Coventry University - Coventry
Staffordshire University - Stoke-on-Trent
Leicester University - Leicester
Wolverhampton University - Wolverhampton

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MIDLANDS UNIVERSITY (ENTERPRISE) OF THE YEAR
Outstanding performance from a university or university department, promoting entrepreneurship.

Aston University - Birmingham
Coventry University - Coventry
Staffordshire University - Stoke-on-Trent
Northampton University - Northampton
Nottingham Trent University - Nottingham

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MIDLANDS MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR (2 CATEGORIES)
Outstanding leadership of a manufacturing organisation leading to improved profitability and supporting long-term business success.

Lift & Engineering Services Ltd - Cradley Heath
Base Group - Leicester
Pailton Engineering - Coventry
Midlands Assembly Network - Wednesbury
A1 Flue Systems - Newark, Nottingham
Whale Ale Limited - Brailes

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MIDLANDS EXPORTER OF THE YEAR (2 CATEGORIES)
Outstanding performance in exporting, demonstrating innovative export strategies, leading to significantly increased business results.

Tony Hague - Midlands Assembly Network - Wednesbury
Stephen Hynes - Ultraseal International - Coventry
John Nollett - Pailton Engineering - Coventry
Malcolm Hall - Hall-Fast Industrial Supplies Ltd - Mansfield
Dr Rizwan Qureshi - Surgins Surgicals Ltd - Solihull

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MIDLANDS BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR
Outstanding personal performance demonstrating exceptional business results and long term financial growth.

Hannah Sebright - Midlands Air Ambulance Charity - Stourbridge
Paul Hutchens - Eco2Solar Ltd - Bromsgrove
David Haywood - Lift & Engineering Services Ltd - Cradley Heath
Vivienne Hudson-Findlay - HotelshopUK Ltd - Droitwich

MIDLANDS CORPORATE COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD (1M+)
Outstanding performance in delivering a sustainable programme of community initiatives that have a measured impact on both the Community and the Business.

Orion Media (Free Radio) - Birmingham
The Shakespeare Hospice - Stratford upon Avon
Heart of England Co-operative - Nuneaton
BHSF Limited
Eco2Solar - Kidderminster

[UP TO 1M]
Key IQ Ltd - Malvern
M Cubed Chartered Accountants - Leicester

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Jerry Blackett
CEO of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Group

Is the entrepreneurial spirit still alive and well?
Yes and because entrepreneurs are the life-blood of this region, this is something we need to strengthen and celebrate more.

What has impressed you most about the Midlands Business Awards?
They exemplify one entrepreneur's dream to celebrate the achievements of business across the region. They are a powerful demonstration of the Midlands' story - and our success story.

Mike Ashton
CEO of Herefordshire & Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce

In what areas does this region still lead the way?
The Midlands remains a leader for niche manufacturing and automotive sectors. We have an excellent and strong university base. More and more our businesses and universities are working together to create commercial opportunities. Key areas for development and exploitation are advanced materials, nanotechnology and the response to the environmental agenda. We already have companies well placed to take these areas forward.

George Cowcher
Chief Executive & Director Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire & Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce

The Midlands is a hotbed of entrepreneurial talent. It is important that we harness this, nurture its potential and support it through its early stages of development, because today's budding entrepreneurs are the business leaders of tomorrow, who will help create the jobs, growth and wealth that we need to drive the economy forward.

These awards play an important part in recognising, rewarding and celebrating this fresh and emerging business talent.

Cassie Muir
Executive Director at British American Business Council, Midlands Birmingham, United Kingdom, International Trade and Development

The BABC is the largest transatlantic business network, with 25 chapters – and 2,500 member companies, including many of the world's largest multinationals – based in major business centers throughout North America and the United Kingdom.

Our aim is to promote transatlantic trade and investment and these awards provide an opportunity to highlight the Midlands as a destination region for companies making the region a key player on the global stage.
**Lifetime Contribution to Midlands Business Award**

**2014 Award will be presented to**

**Sir John Peace**

Sir John Peace is Chairman of Burberry Group plc, Chairman of Standard Chartered PLC and Chairman of Experian plc.

Sir John has a strong financial services and retailing background. In 1980 he was one of the founders of CCN Systems, an early pioneer of credit scoring techniques, risk models and the development of customer segmentation systems. CCN went on to become Experian plc, a global information services company providing data and analytical tools to clients in over 90 countries.

In 2000, Sir John became Group CEO of GUS plc, of which Experian and Burberry were a part. He spearheaded a major restructuring strategy to refocus the group, including the acquisition and disposal of more than 50 businesses worldwide. In 2002, Burberry was floated on the London Stock Exchange with Sir John Peace as its Chairman. Burberry today is a leading global luxury brand. In 2006, GUS plc was demerged and Experian became a FTSE 100 business in its own right, again with Sir John Peace as its Chairman.

Sir John joined the Board of Standard Chartered PLC in 2007 as Deputy Chairman and was appointed Chairman in 2009. Headquartered in London, Standard Chartered has operated for over 150 years in some of the world’s most dynamic markets, leading the way in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Sir John is committed to supporting his local community and has a long standing interest in education. For 10 years he was Chairman of the Board of Governors of Nottingham Trent University, and has been a Trustee of the Djanogly City Academy in Nottingham since 1999. Sir John chairs the Nottingham Growth Board focussing on issues associated with the recession and local unemployment. He is Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and has an Honorary Doctorate from The University of Nottingham. Sir John was knighted in 2011 for services to business and the voluntary sector.

**2013 Award was received by**

**Sir John Egan**

Chancellor Coventry University - former Chairman Jaguar Cars and Severn Trent - Chief Executive - BAA

This year’s recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to Midlands Business Award is Sir John Egan.

Sir John, currently Chancellor at Coventry University, is one of the region’s most established industrialists.

“You have created a wonderful Event for Business People to recognise themselves & the success they can achieve”

**2012 Award was received by**

**Professor Sir Robert Burgess, Kt, DL, BA, PhD, AcSS Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester**

Knighted in 2010 for services to local and national Higher Education, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester since 1999.

Chair of national Committees including the Higher Education Academy and NatCen Social Research.

Chaired the UUK/Guild HE Implementation Group for the Higher Education Achievement Report.
2011 Award was received by

Lord S K Bhattacharyya KBE CBE

Founder, Warwick Manufacturing Group, Manufacturing Expert
Keynote Speaker.
Winner of one of the Highest honours in India, the Padma Bhushan
Winner of the Gold Medal from the Institute of Electrical Engineers, for outstanding Contribution to the field.
Advisor to a succession of Prime Ministers & Senior Government Officials on Industrial Policy & strategy

What has receiving the Lifetime Contribution to Midlands Business Award meant to you?

“I have received many Awards all over the World, but I was particularly happy to receive this one, as it is my own home region that are recognising and honouring my achievements.”

2010 Award was received by

Geoffrey Robinson MP

Parliament and Government Experience
1976 - present
Member of Parliament, Shadow Minister for Science, Industry and Finance, Paymaster General HM Treasury

What has receiving the Lifetime Contribution to Midlands Business Award meant to you?

“I am very pleased to accept this award, and appreciate greatly that my home region is honouring me with this prestigious award.”

2009 Award was received by

Digby Lord Jones Of Birmingham Kt

Director General CBI 2000-2006
Minister of State for Trade and Investment 2007-2008

What has receiving the Lifetime Contribution to Midlands Business Award meant to you?

“It is wonderful to be appreciated and recognised by your home region. I hope it encourages others to reach out and upwards to achieve and lead.”