## Still time to enter the Swansea Bay Business Awards 2022

There is still time to enter awards celebrating the best firms and entrepreneurs in the Swansea Bay City Region. The longstanding and influential Swansea Bay Business Awards will again showcase excellence in business success across the region, which covers the local authority areas of Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

The region is home to some of the most dynamic and successful firms not just in Wales, but the UK — from high-growth start-ups to established corporates. The 2022 awards cover 13 categories, including best start-up and entrepreneur of year awards.

To enter the awards, which have 13 categories, <u>click here</u>. The deadline for entries is August 12th. The winners will be revealed at an awards dinner at Swansea's Brangwyn Hall on September 15th.

Editor of the South Wales Evening Post, Jonathan Roberts, said: "The Swansea Bay City Region is home to many incredible success stories — from start up businesses to SMEs — and it's now more than ever that we strongly believe in the importance of celebrating the positive accomplishment of businesses in the region.

"We want you to share with us your can-do initiatives, your positive updates and your optimistic projects. And it's not just businesses which are celebrated. The awards also recognise individual talent, whether an established entrepreneur or someone who has recently embarked on an entrepreneurial journey.

"The awards also remind us that the region is a great place to live, work and do business. They toast success, celebrate achievement and highlight successful and innovative businesses doing great things."

Last year the overall company of the year award, went to Talbot-based precision temperature instrument manufacturer Rototherm Group, which during the pandemic also became a key supplier of personal protective equipment to support the NHS and social care staff — creating hundreds of new jobs in the process.

Chief executive of Swansea Building Society, Alun Williams, also received a lifetime contribution award in recognition of his astute leadership of the mutual over the last 20-years, which has seen it establishing itself as the most profitable, in relation to its assets base, building society the UK.

## The 2022 Swansea Bay Business Awards categories:

Diversity & Inclusion Award.

Entrepreneur of the Year.

Young Business Person of the Year, sponsored by Gower College Swansea

Female Tech Talent, sponsored by Vortex IOT.

Tech Business of the Year, sponsored by Morgan La Roche.

Family Business of the Year.

Start Up Business of the Year.

Small Business of the Year.

Medium to Large Business of the Year.

Woman in Construction, sponsored by **Pennant Homes**.

Lifetime Contribution Award

Exporter of the Year.

Business of the Year Award (from the other winners)

Additional event sponsors are **Bernie Davies Global and Focus Carmarthen Enterprise Hub.** 

The judging panel is made up of former travel agency entrepreneur Jill Burgess, managing partner of professional advisory firm Bevan Buckland, Alison Vickers, and business editor of the Western Mail Sion Barry.

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