



PRESS RELEASE

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Going for Gold at Halton's Business and Tourism Awards

Time is running out for Halton's stars of business and tourism going for gold at the annual awards.

The deadline for entries to the Halton Business and Tourism Awards 2012 has been extended to Friday 10th February. Business nominations can be made through the Halton Chamber website, www.haltonchamber.com and tourism entries via www.halton.gov.uk/tourism

World champion hurdler and Olympic silver medallist Colin Jackson CBE has just been announced as the inspirational after dinner speaker at the glittering awards ceremony to be held at The Heath Business Park's newly refurbished Orchard Suite on Friday 30th March.

Craig Welsh, Business Communications and Human Resources Manager at Ineos Chlor Vinyls, which is sponsoring the Business Innovation Award, said: "We are proud to be associated with this event, and in particular to sponsor the Innovation Award. Events such as these recognise the significant contribution of the business community to the on-going success and prosperity of the Borough."

And Kailesh Suri from Reel Cinema, sponsor of two business awards, added: "Reel Widnes are very pleased to work with Halton Chamber on the awards and to work with the local community to support business enterprise."

The awards are organised jointly by Halton Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise and Runcorn & Widnes Tourism Business Network, supported by Halton Borough Council, and are now in their fourth year.

Finalists for each of the 11 award categories will be announced on Friday 2nd March and all will be invited to the awards ceremony. Places for the awards dinner are now

available to book at a cost of £45 plus VAT through Halton Chamber. Tel 01928 516142. Chamber members receive a 10 % discount.

The 2012 awards feature the following 11 categories:

Halton Business of the Year

Exporter of the Year

Positive Environmental Impact Award

Outstanding Customer Service (business and tourism categories)

Innovation Award (business and tourism categories)

Entrepreneur of the Year

Visitor Economy Team of the Year

Young Tourism Professional of the Year

Recognition of Tourism Support

Best Social Enterprise

New Business of the Year

Sponsors of the event include: Reel Cinemas, Ineos Chlor Vinyls, Mexichem, Virgin Trains, ABB, Halton Borough Council, Medicash, Prologis, Selwyns Coaches.

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