

## Local Business Women Encouraged To Enter Awards

The fourth annual North Notts Business Women Awards, for local female entrepreneurs and business owners, will be launched and open for entries on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at Retford's Spencer's on the Square.

Once again, the awards programme comprises of both judged and public voting categories and some new awards have been introduced for 2019.

Encouraging female entrepreneurs to enter these prestigious awards, Head Judge, Amanda Legate from RAL Associates, said "This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the outstanding entrepreneurial flair amongst North Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw. I would like to encourage as many ladies in business to share with us their successes and business journeys which will be an inspiration to others."

Amanda continued "So no matter what size business you are or what industry you work, we would love to hear from you and encourage you to consider as many categories as possible in order to show case you and your business. Good luck"

A spokesperson from the organisers, North Notts Business Connections, was pleased to confirm "These awards have grown year upon year at an amazing rate, our local business women really love their own business awards. Due to last year's sell out, we've had to move to a new bigger venue for 2019 to accommodate the increasing demand for awards ceremony tickets, that speaks for itself. We're now looking for sponsorship support to back this continued progress and growth."

The North Notts Business Women Awards remain free for all local business women to enter and the forms may be downloaded directly from the dedicated website.

The categories for 2019 are:-

- Alexander Calder Financial Ltd Business Woman of the Year
- Rising Star Award - *sponsored by North Notts BID Ltd*
- Home Business Award
- Women and Tech Award
- Professional Services Award
- Sally Canning Mentor of the Year Award
- Community Impact Award
- Young Business Woman of the Year Award

The closing date for entries is midnight on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

The awards program boasts an exceptional independent judging panel comprised of top flight local business women including Amanda Legate, Managing Partner of RAL Associates (Head Judge), Emma Thompson, Partner at Jones & Co Solicitors and Laurel Cottingham, Office Manager and Senior Paraplanner of lead sponsors, Alexander Calder Financial Ltd.

The Public Voting categories continue to be popular and nominations are now sought from the general public for their favourite Bassetlaw firms. The categories for 2019 are:-

Health & Wellbeing Awards – *Sponsored by The Mortgage Shop*  
Hair, Beauty & Style award – *Sponsored by Edgewise Edgestrip Ltd*

Tickets are available for the exciting Awards Ceremony, hosted by Bassetlaw District Council, which will take place at Retford Town Hall on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

To download the awards entry forms, nominate and vote for your favourite firms or to buy your tickets for the Awards Ceremony visit <http://nnbwawards.weebly.com/>

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Notes to Editors:

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- 1) The Ugly Sisters, winners of the Hair, Beauty & Style Award 2018 with Simon Turner, Managing Director of award sponsors Edgewise Edgestrip Ltd
- 2) Angela Rowntree from The Barrister's Chamber, winners of the Best New Start Award 2018 with Chris Rooke from award sponsors Eaton House
- 3) Jill Cowley from Pozitive Minds, winner of the Alexander Calder Financial Ltd Business Woman of the Year Award 2018 with Gregg Bartram, Joint Managing Director of award sponsors Alexander Calder Financial Ltd
- 4) Spa at Ye Olde Bell, winners of the health & Wellbeing Award 2018 with Laurel Cottingham from award sponsors The Mortgage Shop

Described as the North Notts region's Super Connectors, North Notts Business Connections is the leading organisation for bringing businesses together in the North Nottinghamshire region, providing opportunities for local firms for 11 years.

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