

Edinburgh Mumblogger reaches the MAD finals



Ruth Dawkins is celebrating today after reaching the finals of a national awards programme to find the UK's Best Parent blogs.

Ruth's blog DorkyMum is one of just five finalists in the Best New Blog category of the [MAD Blog Awards](#) beating more than 2,000 other blogs nominated in the awards.

Although Ruth has recently moved from Edinburgh to Hertfordshire, she continues to write about issues specific to Scotland, and has even put together her own A-Z guide to Edinburgh on the blog.

Ruth said: 'When I started blogging last May as a way to get back into writing after two years as a full time parent, I had no idea what it would lead to. In the year that DorkyMum has been up and running I've been overwhelmed by the number of people who have read and commented on the blog. Some of the topics I've written about have also led to me being published elsewhere – such as in the Guardian and Easy Living magazine. To be nominated as Best New Blog in the MADS is a huge honour – a perfect end to my first year as a blogger – and I couldn't be more thrilled!'

Blog readers around the UK are now invited to vote for their favourite blogs at the MAD Blog Awards website, and the winners will be announced at a gala awards ceremony in London in September, sponsored by [Parentdish](#).

Sally Whittle, founder of the MAD Blog awards said: "Parent blogging is such an exciting phenomenon, providing parents up and down the country with an opportunity to support one another online, be creative, and make some extra money, and there are some truly brilliant blogs in this community. We were absolutely thrilled by the quality of the blogs entered into the awards this year, and are really excited to see what happens next."

Tamsin Kelly, editor of [Parentdish.co.uk](#), added: "The MAD Blog Awards are the biggest and most exciting awards for bloggers in the UK, and we believe parents are leading the way in the

blogging revolution. We are so proud to be associated with an event that celebrates the amazing diversity and quality of blogs being created by Mums and Dads across the country.”

Ruth’s blog [DorkyMum can be found where else? – online.](#)