

Port of Leith Housing boss up for an award

✘ POLHA CHIEF EXECUTIVE NOMINATED FOR SCOTTISH BUSINESS AWARD

The Chief Executive of an Edinburgh-based housing association has been shortlisted for a prestigious Scottish Business Award.

Keith Anderson from Port of Leith Housing Association (PoLHA) has been nominated for the Social Entrepreneur of the Year award in recognition for his achievement in helping to address the capital's lack of affordable homes.

He said:- "Naturally I'm delighted to have been shortlisted for such an honour. Everyone has the right to a home and as a social landlord there is the responsibility to ensure this happens, which is why we are committed to building good quality, affordable properties in north Edinburgh."

Keith added: -"There is no denying that it is a challenging time for social housing providers. New models of funding are desperately required to meet growing demand; combatting homelessness is high on the agenda, not to mention managing the consequences of Westminster's welfare reform agenda.

"If the solutions to these problems were easy we would be doing them right now, but we are determined to play a positive role identifying better solutions."

PoLHA is currently building four new developments this year across north Edinburgh, which will be for social and mid-market rent.

The award ceremony will take place on 21 June 2013 at the EICC with former American President Bill Clinton as keynote speaker.