

# **Lothians based Bidding Consultancy Wins Graduate Employer of the Year Award!**

Lothians based Bid Specialists, AM Bid Services were thrilled to be crowned winners of the coveted 'Best Employer for Student & Graduate Recruitment' Award at the 2016 Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce Awards.

The exciting news broke at the high profile Awards Ceremony which took place on Wednesday 26th October at The Brunton Hall, Musselburgh. Over 300 members of the Lothians business community were in attendance to hear keynote speakers Chris Stark, Director of Energy & Climate Change at the Scottish Government; Keith Barbour, President of Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce; and George Archibald, Chief Executive of Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce.

The 'Best Employer for Student & Graduate Recruitment' Award AM Bid Services received was sponsored by Queen Margaret University, where graduate employee Dane Thomson successfully gained his 2:1 BA (Hons) PR & Marketing degree.

Speaking of his excitement at winning the award, AM Bid Services Managing Director, Andrew Morrison said: "Winning the award is an important recognition of the journey that AM Bid Services and our graduates are on. I have been hugely encouraged by the passion and commitment Cameron Houston and Dane Thomson have shown in seizing the opportunity to begin their careers with AM Bid Services.

Whilst considerable time, effort and money has gone into their development during their first year with us, this has been more than repaid commercially as they have played an important part in the company's second year growth. The icing on the cake has been our business growth allowing us to recruit David Gray as

our new Bid Development Director. I originally recruited David at another organisation in 2005 following his graduation from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. We have a culture of positive mentoring and development opportunities for graduates.”

AM Bid Services began trading on 1st October 2014. Since then, the company has grown at an exponential rate, with turnover for

2015/16 exceeding £ $\frac{1}{4}$  million. As a result of this growth, the business created roles for two bright graduates – Dane Thomson from Queen Margaret University and Cameron Houston from the University of Aberdeen.

Further support is provided to Lothian graduates through the AM Bid Services sponsorship of Edinburgh Napier University graduate, Josh Quigley. Josh, The Tartan Explorer, is Cycling the World to raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention.

**For further information about AM Bid Services see the website: [www.ambidservices.co.uk](http://www.ambidservices.co.uk)**