

Dianne aims to be a cut above the rest



A female barber from Edinburgh has made it through to the last round of the Scotland's Best Barber competition.

Dianne Philbin, 35 years old is the only female barber from Edinburgh to make the shortlist for the prestigious hairdressing prize.

Based at Statement Barbers in Tollcross, Dianne is now looking for people to back her in an online poll to make the final.

If Dianne makes it through to the final, she will be pitted against 24 other barbers for a live hair cut in front of hundreds of spectators at The Royal highland Centre.

Dianne, who has been a hairdresser for 17 years and a barber for the last three years, said she was delighted to see females getting recognition in a traditionally-male dominated industry.

She said: "I was delighted to get through.

"The industry has changed a lot with the traditional image of the barber changing too, but it's still dominated by men and it's great that I'm the only female barber in Edinburgh to get into the next round.

"Growing up in Muirhouse and West Pilton there wasn't much in the way of job aspects so you have to go out and make your own way in the world, so I'm proud that this has been recognised in this way.

“I hope lots of people will go online and vote for me before 13th March, it would be a dream to get to the final.”

Votes for Dianne can be cast [here](#)