

Edinburgh employees win half of SGN awards

Employees from the Edinburgh offices of gas distribution company SGN triumphed at the company's Outstanding People Awards last Thursday evening winning no fewer than four of the eight awards on offer.



The Edinburgh winners, (middle with glasses) Jonathan Wan, (middle, black dress) Kirsty Steel, and the Gas to the West/SGN Natural Gas teams, celebrate their success along with the other winners at SGN's Outstanding People Awards. Carol Glasier was unable to attend.

Network Support Officer Kirsty Steel was presented with the company's 'Emerging Talent' award. Kirsty was nominated for the award by her manager Stuart Forrest and Project Manager Billy Stewart. Speaking at the awards ceremony, Billy said: "Kirsty has demonstrated a level of ability beyond her years which, if developed and nurtured properly, could see her become a future leader within the company."

Kirsty said it came as a complete surprise to her that she had won. I've worked with the other finalists on projects in the past and they were both very talented and worthy nominees. The awards are a great idea – everyone here works really hard and it's good that the company recognises people for the effort they put in."

The Unsung Hero award went to Project Officer Jonathan Wan, who was described by judges as a "true unsung hero, going

about his business without any fuss and always delivering a quality of work which is a credit to him.”

Industry Codes and Investigations Support Manager Carol Glasier was successful in winning the ‘Bringing out the Best’ award. Employee Development Manager Grant Taylor, who nominated her for the award, said: “Carol is a fantastic example of a manager who promotes a development culture in SGN. She gives people opportunities to shine, enhance their skills and fulfil their aspirations.”

The ‘Team Achievement’ award went to SGN’s Gas to the West/SGN Natural Gas teams for their work on a major infrastructure project to extend the gas network to the west of Northern Ireland. Stakeholder Engagement Support Manager, Margaret Hamilton, who nominated them, said: “Their carefully planned and effective approach, together with a ‘can do’ attitude from every member of the team, succeeded in delivering gas to the first customer in Northern Ireland in a safe, efficient and cost-effective manner.”

SGN’s Outstanding People Awards have been going for five years and they recognise exceptional performance and dedication among the gas distribution company’s 4,000 employees. Over 500 nominations were received from colleagues across Scotland and the south of England. These were whittled down to a shortlist of 24 finalists made up of both teams and individuals, from which judges chose eight winners.

Describing the awards as ‘the highlight of his year’, SGN CEO John Morea said: “They are a chance to recognise some of the

amazing work that goes on in our depots and offices around the country every day. I would like to congratulate all the finalists, who really do demonstrate what SGN is all about.”