

Edinburgh social enterprise shortlisted for award

An organisation set up by Port of Leith Housing Association to work in North Edinburgh and Leith has been shortlisted for this year's Social Enterprise Scotland Awards.

Quay Community Improvements was set up less than two years ago to deliver social economic and physical improvements with all profits going back into the local community.

There are now 18 employees offering power washing, handyman services and carpet cleaning. They will also take away your bulky items.



Members of the Quay team take on a cleaning job Photo Neil Hanna Photography

Clare Halliday, Business and Community Initiatives Manager at

Quay Community Improvements, said: “We are really pleased to have been shortlisted for this award by Social Enterprise Scotland. Our team delivers Edinburgh-wide contracts, which sees them clean over 250 stairs and communal areas a week, as well as cleaning offices and commercial premises for a variety of organisations in Edinburgh.

“We are also proud to be a Scottish Living Wage employer, with a focus on fair, secure and regular working hours in addition to developing the community.

“We have really enjoyed bringing the Window Wanderland outdoor art gallery to Leith in March this year and teaming up with Changeworks and Zero Waste Leith to transform a property into a pop-up ‘Reuse Showhome’ to help community members see for themselves just how attractive, affordable and environmentally-friendly second hand items can be.

“It’s a great endorsement of our work to be dubbed “one to watch”, so all the team is thrilled.”

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on 6 November.



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