

# **Green business? Enter the VIBES awards now**

**If you run a green business in Edinburgh then this is your chance to enter the Scottish Environment Business Awards.**

This is the 20th year of the awards for businesses which are implementing sustainability in a big way to get recognition.

A series of free roadshows are being held and local companies are invited to an event on 1 May when you can learn about the economic benefits and get support for your entry. The categories include Leadership Scotland, Innovating Scotland, Product Scotland, Service Scotland, Hydro Nation Scotland, Circular Scotland, Moving Scotland, Adapting Scotland, Engaging Scotland, Partnership Scotland and Small Business Scotland.

Environment Secretary Roseanna Cunningham, said: “We are all aware of the urgent environmental issues affecting our planet, and businesses across Scotland have a vital role to play in helping to safeguard it for future generations.

“I look forward to the VIBES Awards celebrating those businesses that are leading on developing sustainable solutions and environmental practices while embracing a vibrant and innovative circular economy.”



Bob Downes, chair of SEPA and head of the VIBES judging panel, added: “The scale of environmental challenges facing humanity is enormous and there is a real urgency to act in light of what science is showing us.

“Businesses have a responsibility and it’s empowering to see so many organisations no longer viewing climate adaptation and environmental performance as a burden and cost but as an economic opportunity – it is these businesses that will thrive. We want to help Scottish businesses respond to these environmental challenges and reap the benefit and as we enter the 20<sup>th</sup> year of VIBES, we hope to inspire others to instigate change.”

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary awards ceremony will be held on 14 November at Doubletree by Hilton in Glasgow. Award sponsors to date include Adaptation Scotland, Mabbett & Associates Ltd, Scottish Government, ScottishPower, The Glenmorangie Company and headline sponsor, Chivas Brothers Pernod Ricard.

To obtain an application form please contact [vibes@sepa.org.uk](mailto:vibes@sepa.org.uk). Regional event spaces can be booked at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

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