



HOMECOMING SCOTLAND 2009 INITIATIVE AWARD

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Entry Criteria

Open to businesses, groups, communities or organisations based in the Scottish Borders, this special award is designed to recognise a project/ initiative which has made an outstanding contribution to the Homecoming Scotland 2009 celebrations in the area.

In particular, the judges will be looking for applicants to demonstrate how their initiative has delivered economic benefit to the local area, and details of activity that took place to attract more visitors to the region and to enhance the visitor experience.

Each application will be considered on its merits and will take into account the scale and resources of the applicant.

So if you have a success story to tell, then use this application form to describe why your Homecoming Scotland 2009 achievements deserve recognition.

Applicant/ Organisation Details	
Please complete these details as they should appear on any publicity material	
Full Organisation Name	
Address	
	Post code
Telephone	
Email	
Website	

Applicant Details (Name of person submitting the application)	
First Name	Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Last Name	
Job Title	
Full Organisation Name	
Address (if different from above)	
	Post code
Telephone	
Email	

- 1. In no more than 150 words, please provide a brief description of the business, enterprise, community body or voluntary group making the application, along with an outline of the project undertaken.**

- 2. Please describe in no more than 1,000 words why your entry should be considered to receive the award**

You should provide details of the project undertaken during 2009 to celebrate the Year of Homecoming, including key aims and detailed evidence of project success, detailing the main beneficiaries of the project and any benefits to the wider community.

3. Project funding/ resources

Provide details of resources and funding used for the delivery of the specific project being nominated. Provide details of community involvement in putting together the project including encouraging involvement and/or participation by the local business community.

4. Economic Impact

Applicants must provide clear and documented evidence of the economic benefits realised as a result of the project/ initiative.

(A copy of any evaluation reports can be attached as part of your application submission).

Conditions of Entry

- Entries must be received no later than 12 noon on **Friday 29 January 2010**.
- Entry is free of charge - there is no registration cost for entering the awards.
- All information will be treated as confidential and will be used solely for the purposes of the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards.
- Applicants entering the Awards must be based within the administrative area of the Scottish Borders.
- Organisations are encouraged to enter more than one category if appropriate, but they may only make one application in each category.
- Organisations sponsoring an individual award are not eligible to enter that award category.
- The named applicant must be authorised to enter their organisation into the awards programme.
- The business/organisation being nominated must agree to take part in any publicity organised by Scottish Borders Council to promote the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards.
- Each application will be considered on its own merits and the scale and resources of the applicant organisation will be taken into consideration.
- Support material will not be returned unless specifically requested.
- Short listed applicants may be asked to provide verification of any claims made in their application, and the judges reserve the right to audit any information supplied.
- Once an organisation has been announced as a finalist, it cannot withdraw from the awards competition.
- Finalists for each of the award categories will be invited to the Scottish Borders Business Excellence Awards presentation lunch at the Scottish Borders Campus on Friday 19 March 2010, when the winner of each category will be announced.
- The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

5. Declaration

I hereby certify that the information given in this entry form is correct and confirm that I have read and accept the conditions of entry

Full Name:	
Position:	
Signed:	
Date:	

Completed applications should be returned, by **29 January 2010**, to Jenny Williamson, Business Improvement Unit, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, MELROSE, TD6 0SA or email to JAWilliamson@scotborders.gov.uk

Call Jenny on 01835 824000 ext 5832 for any additional information you require.

You can also apply online at www.ourscottishborders.com