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College Development Network wins national ‘excellence’ award



The hard work and dedication of staff at Stirling-based College Development Network has scooped the coveted Committed to Excellence Award at the Scottish Awards for Business Excellence organised by Quality Scotland. College Development Network supports the sector to deliver best practice, share innovations and develop Scotland's colleges and their staff.

The ceremony was held at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

The Castle Business Park organisation secured its award for ‘maintaining a consistently high level of ‘best practice’ quality procedures within the scope of its business excellence strategy.’

Colin Buchanan, Manager, Workforce Development at College Development Network, commented:

"This ‘Committed to Excellence’ Award gives our staff recognition of just how important a role they play amongst the people they help across the region. In the past year, we have seen not just some extraordinary work and outstanding achievement carried out by our staff, but a major shift in how the importance of the wider impact of what we do is appreciated by local community groups across the area."

Offering her congratulations, Claire Ford, Chief Executive Officer, Quality Scotland said;

“College Development Network stands out as a prime example of how a commitment to sustaining business excellence can bring about transformational change to a social enterprise organisation in relation to its staff development and best practice programmes.

The staff and its many volunteers acknowledge that business excellence is a continual journey and can take great heart in what they have achieved with this ‘Committed to Excellence’ success.”

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Notes to editors

- College Development network (CDN) is the organisation in Scotland that supports the college sector to deliver best practice through our vision of ‘Leading, Creating and Sharing’.
- Each year we engage with more than 5,700 members of staff working in colleges across Scotland.
- We keep informed about the needs of the sector through our Development Committee, College Ambassadors and Single Point of Contacts.
- We support excellent practice through the delivery of face to face, online and blended learning.
- As well as delivering planned professional development opportunities, CDN offers tailored consultancy services to develop and deliver specific professional learning based requirements.

About Quality Scotland

Quality Scotland is a charitable organisation that promotes Business Excellence across Scotland in the private, public and voluntary sectors. As a member-based organisation, Quality Scotland was established in 1991 to help organisations throughout Scotland achieve and be recognised for Excellence, and in doing so, gain real and sustainable competitive advantage.

Quality Scotland's vision is to make Business Excellence a national characteristic of Scotland. It helps organisations adopt a holistic approach to understanding their strengths and areas for improvements. As the National Partner Organisation for EFQM, the most widely used management framework in Europe, we are the accredited body for using and applying the Excellence Model in Scotland.

Quality Scotland promotes a series of Europe-wide recognition schemes designed not only to celebrate success but that give detailed feedback that can then be incorporated into business improvement plans. This programme is known as Levels of Excellence and is open to organisations from any sector as well as individual business units. Levels of Excellence are based on the EFQM Excellence Model, and recognise organisations at various milestones on their excellence journey.

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