



The Whitley Awards were developed to recognise conservation leaders from around the world who are applying sustained effort to conserve the natural environment. The Awards are hosted by HRH The Princess Royal.

The scope of interest has in the past included, but is not limited to: protecting endangered ecosystems and species, promoting sustainability, and influencing environmental policies.

A Whitley Award is designed to provide the winner with:

- International recognition that enhances their credibility
- Worldwide media visibility for their project
- Financial support to pursue their ongoing conservation work

At each Whitley Award Ceremony there are up to nine Whitley Awards of £30,000 each, plus the Whitley Gold Award which is worth £60,000 over two years. All of the Whitley Award winners are automatically considered for the Gold Award.

Entry Deadline: 31st October 2009
<http://www.whitley-award.org/>



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e-Government Awards



It's free to enter the upcoming 2009 awards and nominations are invited until the 1st October 2009, online, from those involved in public sector services.

The Awards will be presented at a Ministerial black-tie dinner in the City of London's Guildhall on 20th January 2010.

Gloucestershire has had previous success in these awards. Gloucestershire

College scooped the e-Government excellence in Learning Skills Award at the 2007 annual Awards, which have become the UK's highest-level commendation for the best e-Government and technology-driven services.

Joining previous dinners via video link, Prime Minister the Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP praised the nominees for providing services which, through innovative online delivery or IT implementation, have positively transformed the lives of citizens, local communities, business and stakeholder groups.

For information on available categories and how to enter, please visit: www.e-governmentawards.co.uk/



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Are there any Business Awards we have missed?

Do you know of any Business awards that are taking place? If so please ensure that you contact:

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Plain English Campaign

Fighting for crystal-clear communication since 1979



Awards are presented each year for the best and worst examples of English. The main awards recognise organisations and individuals who have genuinely made an effort to present themselves using clear and concise English.

The infamous '[Golden Bull](#)' and '[Foot in Mouth](#)' awards inject a sense of mischief into the proceedings. All the award winners can expect to receive media coverage. One can nominate their own com-

RTPI YOUNG PLANNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) award is in the gift of the Institute and is intended to seek out and acclaim the brightest younger planners involved in the town planning profession. This could be in planning practice, innovation, enterprise or philosophy.

The winner will receive a place at the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana from 10-14 April 2010. This will include flights, accommodation and £200 spending money.

In addition, the winner will also receive a place at the Planning Summer School, where he/she will be asked to give a talk on their experiences in New Orleans. They will also have the opportunity to speak at the annual RTPI Young Planners' conference, usually held in October.

Entrants must be under the age of 35 on 31 December 2009. Nominations will be accepted from employers, colleagues, friends or relations or any member of the Institute who believes a young planner's particular contribution should be celebrated.

This year, for the first time, all

pany's documents or those of another company for the awards by sending a hard copy by post.

Awards are given in the following categories.

Golden Bull (for the worst examples of written tripe)



Foot in Mouth (for baffling quotes by public figures)

Inside Write (internal government documents)

Media Awards (radio, television and newspapers)

Osborne Memorial Award (for a major contribution to the plain English cause)

Plain English (open category)

Plain English Web Award (websites)



Entry Deadline: 2 October 2009

Please visit the website for more information or just to chuckle at some previous winning scripts.

www.plainenglish.co.uk/awards/

2009 UTILITY INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The awards bring the electricity, gas and water industries together to reward the very best business practice in the last year.

The Utility Industry Achievement Awards is the industry event of the year with over 1,200 people attending in 2008.

It is an opportunity to celebrate with the winners, meet friends, entertain customers and enjoy outstanding entertainment.

Categories range from Marketing Initiative of the Year to the Capital Project Management Award.

Entry deadline: Friday September 11 2009

To enter, please visit:

www.utilityweekawards.co.uk/

Masquerade
REVEALING UTILITIES FINEST



shortlisted candidates will be offered the chance to join the recently formed Young Planners Think Tank Group (YPTTG).

This group provides independent advice, innovative ideas and a fresh perspective to key agencies and organisations that influence the function and delivery of the plan-

ning system in the UK.

This award will be presented at the London Hilton on Thursday 4th February 2010.

Entry Deadline: 28th September 2009

For more information please visit:

<http://www.rtpi.org.uk/item/426/23/5/3>

Now is the time that winners stand out

2009 Deloitte Technology Fast 50



RUSHLIGHT AWARDS

The **Deloitte Technology Fast 50**, one of the UK's foremost technology award programmes, is a ranking of the country's 50 fastest-growing technology companies based on percentage growth over five years.



The Fast 50 programme honours business growth, technological innovation and UK entrepreneurial spirit. This year's programme now includes **The Technology Green 15™** which recognises the UK's leading GreenTech companies.

Qualifying entrants of the UK Fast 50 programme will be put forward to the EMEA Fast 500 (Europe, Middle East & Africa).

1. Applying companies must have been in business for a minimum of five years
2. The company must be considered a technology company
3. Be technology intensive, or use unique technology to solve problems
4. Devoting a high percentage of effort to technology R&D
The parent company must be UK-owned and have its headquarters in UK
5. Operating revenues must be at least £34,000 (50,000 Euros) for financial year end 2004 and £540,000 (800,000 Euros) in financial year end 2008.

Entry Deadline: 31st August 2009

www.deloitte.co.uk/fast50/



The Rushlight Awards are a celebration and promotion of the leading organizations throughout UK and Ireland which have furthered environmental consideration, technology and innovation in the fields of renewable energy, clean fuels, power generation, water, waste, environmental management and general industry.

The event has created a community whose main purpose is to assist in the development of cleantech and in the improvement of environmental standards.

Interested parties who have developed a technology or introduced any



form of innovation associated with cleantech, will have the opportunity to win at least one of the 28 categories which are up for grabs.



The Growing Business Awards celebrate tomorrow's entrepreneurial stars and today's heroes.

For the past ten years, Real Business and the CBI have assembled the A-list of British entrepreneurial life to pay tribute to the future stars of the UK economy.

In the words of John Caudwell, winner of a previous Entrepreneurs` Entrepreneur award, this is "one of the best business awards events of the year."

Award categories include:
New product of the year,
Green Business of the Year,

Young Company of the Year and The Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs amongst a list of many other award categories.

Entry Deadline: 18th September 2009

<http://qba.realbusiness.co.uk>



These awards can be used to market products, to celebrate and thank the team who have developed a technology or solution, to promote your brand as an environmentally responsible society member, to publicise the innovation.

The Gala Awards Dinner will be at a prestigious London venue in January 2010.

<http://www.rushlightawards.co.uk/>

Entry deadline: 31st October 2009



The 4th Women of the Future Awards are taking place on Thursday November 12, 2009 at the London Marriott on Grosvenor Square.

Nominations are being sought for the 2009 event across eight categories which range from Art, Media and Culture Woman of the Future to The Woman of the Future Voluntary Award.

This event plays host to the rising

PLANNING CONSULTANCY OF THE YEAR AWARD

These awards recognise the diversity of the planning consultancy sector and its clients and the variety of work involved.

All types of planning consultancy activity and businesses are equally eligible. Entries may be based on a broad range of different types of work or on a narrower specialist area. Generalist and specialist entries will be given equal consideration.

To be eligible for entry for the 2009 award the consultancy must have at least one chartered town planner (MRTPI or FRTPI) who is a principal, partner, director or in permanent employment (including self employment at 1 September 2009).

Entry Deadline: 28th September 2009

www.rtpi.org.uk/item/1095

stars of tomorrow who are making inroads in their chosen career today. Over the past three years, previous award winners include prima ballerina Lauren Cuthbertson, inventor Emily Cummins and ethical entrepreneur Kresse Wesling to name but a few.



The awards are a great platform for young successful women. As well as increasing one's own personal profile, it is a great opportunity to give one's organisation the recognition it deserves.

The Women of the Future Awards are also looking for the organisation that does the most to support young women in business and a Mentor of the Year. The Awards are open to all women in business in the UK, under the age of 35. Nominations can be made by the individual herself or by a professional colleague.

Entry Deadline: 4th September 2009

For a full list of award categories and how to enter, please visit: <http://wof.realbusiness.co.uk/>



The HSBC International Trade Awards are the only national business awards in the UK exclusively for exporters and importers. 'Celebrating high growth companies trading across borders'

Companies compete in 12 regional heats for a place in the final and a chance to win the title of 'International Trade Company of the year' at the House of Lords in March 2010



Regional winners will join over 100 guests at the final gala lunch. Each of the finalists will also engage in a video interview that will be hosted online at:

www.InternationalTrade.co.uk



Regional business winners will receive:

- An awards presentation and lunch with HSBC locally
- 2 places at final gala lunch at The House of Lords in March 2010 & tour the House
- Online promotional campaign of over £1500
- Coverage on both freshbusinessthinking.com and InternationalTrade.co.uk
- Feature page in digital magazine Business Edge
- Video interview with your business at the House of Lords hosted online

Entry deadline: 28th August 2009



www.internationaltrade.co.uk/