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CELEBRATING BEST OF BOROUGH'S BUSINESS



Winners celebrated the best business talent and innovation at a glittering Sandwell Business Awards ceremony. The high-profile event at Sandwell College's Central Campus was hosted for the second year running by ITV Central presenter Sameena Ali-Khan.

Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Ahmadul Haque MBE, was a special guest at the ceremony -organised by Sandwell College in collaboration with Sandwell Council and Sandwell Business Solutions Centre - which has now become an annual occasion.

The Darren Cooper Award was presented in honour of the late Sandwell Council leader, to Callum Hixon, who completed his business administration apprenticeship at Sandwell College, and now works for Sandwell Council.

Winning businesses included MiGlass for Business Innovation, REPC for Commitment to Employee Development, Diamond Bus for Sandwell's Top 50, David Manners for New Employer of the Year, Options for Life for Developing Apprenticeship Talent, Scott Arms Dental Practice for Small/Medium Employer of the Year and Lovell Partnership for Large Employer of the Year Award.

Sponsors for the event included Sandwell Council, The Albion Foundation, Beacon Print 24-7, Sandwell Business Solutions Centre, VU Ads, Fab Lab, Black Country Chamber of Commerce, MiGlass, Metsec, Newbury Travel and Social Frames.

DIANA LEGACY AWARD FOR ENGINEERING STUDENT

Engineering student Maya Ghazal has been chosen out of thousands of young people to win a national award inspired by the late Princess Diana. She was called to St James' Palace to accept an inaugural Diana Legacy Award, which was presented to her by Princes William and Harry.

Maya was inspired to help countless refugees like her by sharing her story as an inspirational volunteer speaker and ambassador for The Children's Society. She is now a Brunel University engineering student, speaking around the country and in the media.



POLITICS STUDENTS MEET FORMER PRIME MINISTER



Central Sixth students had a chance-in-a-lifetime meeting with former Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The ex PM and Chancellor of the Exchequer was at West Bromwich Town Hall with Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, Tom Watson, to promote and sign copies of his newly released memoirs, *My Life Our Times*.

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT GET CONNECTED IN SANDWELL BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT WITH WOW ZONE – THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 7.45AM-9.30AM, SANDWELL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CENTRE, CENTRAL CAMPUS

We have developed highly successful advisory boards with Healthcare and Sport Industry employers helping us to shape the future of our training.

Our latest board for Early Years employers will meet on Tuesday 5 December. For more information speak to one of our business advisers or call 0121 667 5018.

RIGHT ON TRACK WITH LONDON MIDLAND



Sandwell College has won a national Community Rail Award for its work with London Midland. A major students' work experience project, which transformed the old station master's office at Rolfe Street Station into a community exhibition room, scooped the Involving Diverse Groups in Work Experience category.

The college also finished third in the Community Rail Art category for its stunning mural, created by art students at the Smethwick train station.

CONSTRUCTING A CAREER



Conor Coughlan has progressed from a full-time college course to an apprenticeship with Kier Living, working alongside their contractors and management.

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