



The 104.9 Imagine FM
South Manchester
Business Awards

Nomination Entries



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Will your company be a winner?

The South Manchester Marketplace is home to a diverse range of businesses from innovative local traders to large multi-nationals. The 104.9 Imagine FM South Manchester Business Awards, together with our partners, is our way of recognising the achievement of the most successful companies for their hard work and contribution to business excellence in these challenging economic times.

The ceremony will be held on Thursday 19th November at the Hallmark Hotel (formerly the Belfry), Handforth. The night will include 3 course formal dinner, speeches, and awards ceremony.

The event will be heavily promoted on 104.9 Imagine FM, online at imaginefm.net, plus through the local business to business media Crains and the Chamber of Commerce.

You will have the opportunity to raise your business profile, generate brand awareness and gain a competitive edge through free publicity and media opportunities.

We have award categories that recognise companies of all sizes and business diversity. So why not take your chance to celebrate your success and achievements and increase staff morale by nominating your company for The 104.9 Imagine FM South Manchester Business Awards.





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Business Start up award

If your business began trading after January 1st 2008 why not enter this award and receive recognition for your hard work and determination? You may have brought a fantastic new product to market, found a niche area to focus on or overcome all odds to achieve success. Tell us about your business, your market place, your performance and your future plans to win the recognition you deserve.



Employer of the year

Are you the best boss? Is your boss the best? - We are looking for a manager who can demonstrate an excellent approach to workforce development. Entrants will be asked to demonstrate why workforce development and training is important to their organisation, how training needs and skills requirements are assessed and addressed and the direct benefit gained by both individuals and the organisation.



Small Business of the year

Whatever your trade, if you employ between 1 and 30 employees and can demonstrate achievements in your marketplace with evidence of an excellent business strategy, good financial performance and your potential for the future, enter your business for the South Manchester small business of the year.



Community Award

Does your business have schemes, initiatives or policies which have a positive impact of your local community? Whether you provide employment opportunities for the young or disadvantaged, show unrivalled support for local charities or even contribute to community schemes, then enter this award and make sure you receive the recognition you deserve.



Medium Business of the year

Do you have a great business? Then tell us about it! - If you employ between 31 and 100 employees and can demonstrate business excellence this is the award for you. The judges will be looking at your achievements, business strategy, financial performance and your potential for the future.



Young Business Person of the year

Are you or one of your employees able to demonstrate outstanding achievements in your field? Our young business person of the year will be aged 35 or under and will display excellent career progression, leadership and management.



Large Business of the year

If you are the best large business based in South Manchester, enter this award! Employing a workforce of more than 100 the large business of the year will be able to demonstrate all round business excellence, financial performance, business strategy and future plans. They will also have to demonstrate how they've maintained quality throughout the organisation structure and good employer/employee relations.



Women in Business award

We are looking for a woman, or group of women, who are high achievers and an inspiration to all women in the business community. The winner(s) will have a proven track record of career progression, management and leadership in their chosen field. Nominate yourself or others for this prestigious award.



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Business Person of the year

Do you, or does someone you know, stand out from the crowd and inspire others around you? Receive the recognition you/they deserve and enter this award. Our judges will take into consideration overall business performance, how this business person has been instrumental in the success of the business, has shown outstanding achievement and who is commended within the business community.



Best Business to Work For

Being a 'Best Place to Work' takes a deep-rooted commitment by an organisation to being the best it can be in supporting the day to day working lives of their workforce. Nominations for this award will be asked to demonstrate how delivering excellent employee engagement has directly affected team moral, staff recruitment and retention, productivity and absenteeism and ultimately affected customer experience



Customer Service Award

Does your company have strong commitment to customer service? Good customer service is an essential ingredient of any successful business. You will be asked to demonstrate how your company has attracted and maintained current customers/contracts through excellent customer service and care.



Retailer of the Year

Does your company sell directly to the public? Has your company demonstrated remarkable resilience in the recent tough economic conditions? This category recognises retailers that can clearly demonstrate that they are setting new standards. There must be evidence of strong financial performance, product and store innovation and proven high customer acceptance.



The Green Award

Is your company or organisation based on a strong environmental agenda? This award will go to the business who can demonstrate excellence and innovation in recycling and resource management. We are looking for a truly green business with green credentials who have a reputation for recognising, rewarding and promoting environmental best practice, for example, less packaging on products, more recyclable products and packaging, reduced carbon emissions and products.



Best On-line Business

With internet usage by consumers increasing dramatically around the world, there are big rewards for those retailers that can add the web channel to their existing business, or who can develop a well focused online only business. We are looking for local companies who can demonstrate their understanding of the medium, their customers and how they've develop their brands online.



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How to Enter

The 104.9 Imagine FM South Manchester Business Awards, will be held on Thursday 19th November 2009 at the Hallmark Hotel, Handforth (formerly the Belfry).

You can register your interests by logging on:
imaginefm.net/southmanchesterbusinessawards

Entry deadline for nominations is **Friday 25th September 2009**

Judging

Our judging panel for The 104.9 Imagine FM South Manchester Business Awards 2009 will be:

Damian Walsh, Chairman, 104.9 Imagine FM,

Dave Goddard, Leader of the Council, Stockport Council,

Arthur Porter, Publishing Director, Crains, Business Magazine

Ben Poland, Chamber of Commerce