

Winning on Health in Scottish Communities

Scottish local councils celebrated success in catering, building cleaning and sports and leisure services at the APSE Scotland Healthy Communities Seminar 2010. The seminar hosted an awards evening where accolades were presented to those councils who had made a vital contribution to healthy communities in Scotland.

Cllr Jim McGuigan, Chair of APSE Scotland said ***“It is easy to think of responsibility for health in communities resting purely with the health service but as these accolades have shown local council services make a vital contribution to health and well being”***

Winners in each of the categories are as follows:

- **Outstanding achievement in Catering - Scottish Borders Council**
- **Outstanding Achievement in Building Cleaning- East Ayrshire Council**
- **Outstanding Achievement in Sports, Leisure and Culture - Midlothian Council**

Cllr McGuigan added ***“Healthy food, clean buildings and an excellent offering of sports and leisure services show that these winning councils take the health of their communities to the heart of their services”*** and in praising the frontline staff who deliver the services he said ***“It also demonstrates that the staff who deliver these services are committed to excellence and innovation and they are to be commended for their efforts which have clearly paid off in achieving these important accolades”***

Bill McGowan, Managing Director of awards sponsor InChannel said ***“We were delighted to sponsor the APSE Healthy Communities Accolades. The standard of entries was exceptional and showcased some of the great work being undertaken by the various Council departments involved”***.

The full list of winners and finalists is:

Outstanding achievement in Catering

Finalists were:-

East Ayrshire Council

East Renfrewshire Council

Fife Council

Scottish Borders Council

West Dunbartonshire Council

Winner:- Scottish Borders Council

Outstanding Achievement in Building Cleaning

Finalists were:-

East Ayrshire Council

Fife Council

South Ayrshire Council

Winner:- East Ayrshire Council

Outstanding Achievement in Sports, Leisure & Culture

Finalists were:-

Argyll & Bute Council

Fife Council

Inverclyde Leisure

Midlothian Council

North Lanarkshire Council

Winner:-Midlothian Council

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- APSE is the Association for Public Service Excellence, a not-for-profit body working with over 250 council from across the UK promoting excellence and continuous improvement in frontline services. APSE Scotland works with all 32 Local Authorities in Scotland
- The Healthy Communities Seminar in Scotland brings together the different public service disciplines that help local councils promote healthy communities. These include healthy school meals and catering through catering services, physical activity and well being through sports and leisure services and healthy environments in schools and other public buildings through excellence in building cleaning services.
- InChannel is a market and social research company providing support to local authorities in the areas of school meal uptake improvement and care of older people.
- Bill McGowan is Managing Director of InChannel and helped to present the awards to finalist and winners at the awards evening which was held at The Hilton Hotel Dunkeld on the 4-5 November 2010
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