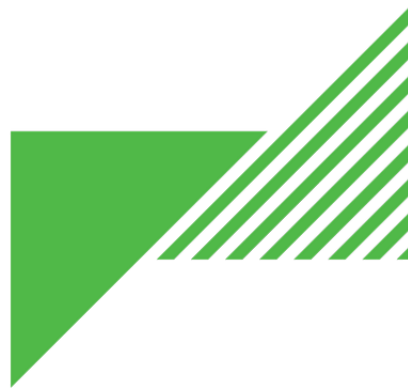


# VIBES AWARDS 2016



VISION IN BUSINESS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF SCOTLAND

The **Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland** Awards recognises and rewards good environmental practices that reduce the negative impact on the environment whilst providing economic benefits to the business.

## Who can apply?

VIBES Awards are open to any\* Scottish based business, including social enterprises that contribute to the sustainable development of Scotland. Registered charities are not eligible to apply for a VIBES Award.

Please note the **Green Team Award** is an exception to this and is open to all public and private sector organisations including charities.

A **Business** is defined as:

The activity of buying and selling goods and services. A company that buys and sells goods and services as a means of livelihood or profit. The company must be registered with companies house.

**Social Enterprise** <http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/about/about-social-enterprise>

A Social Enterprise makes money from selling goods and services in the open market, but they reinvest their profits back into the business or the local community.

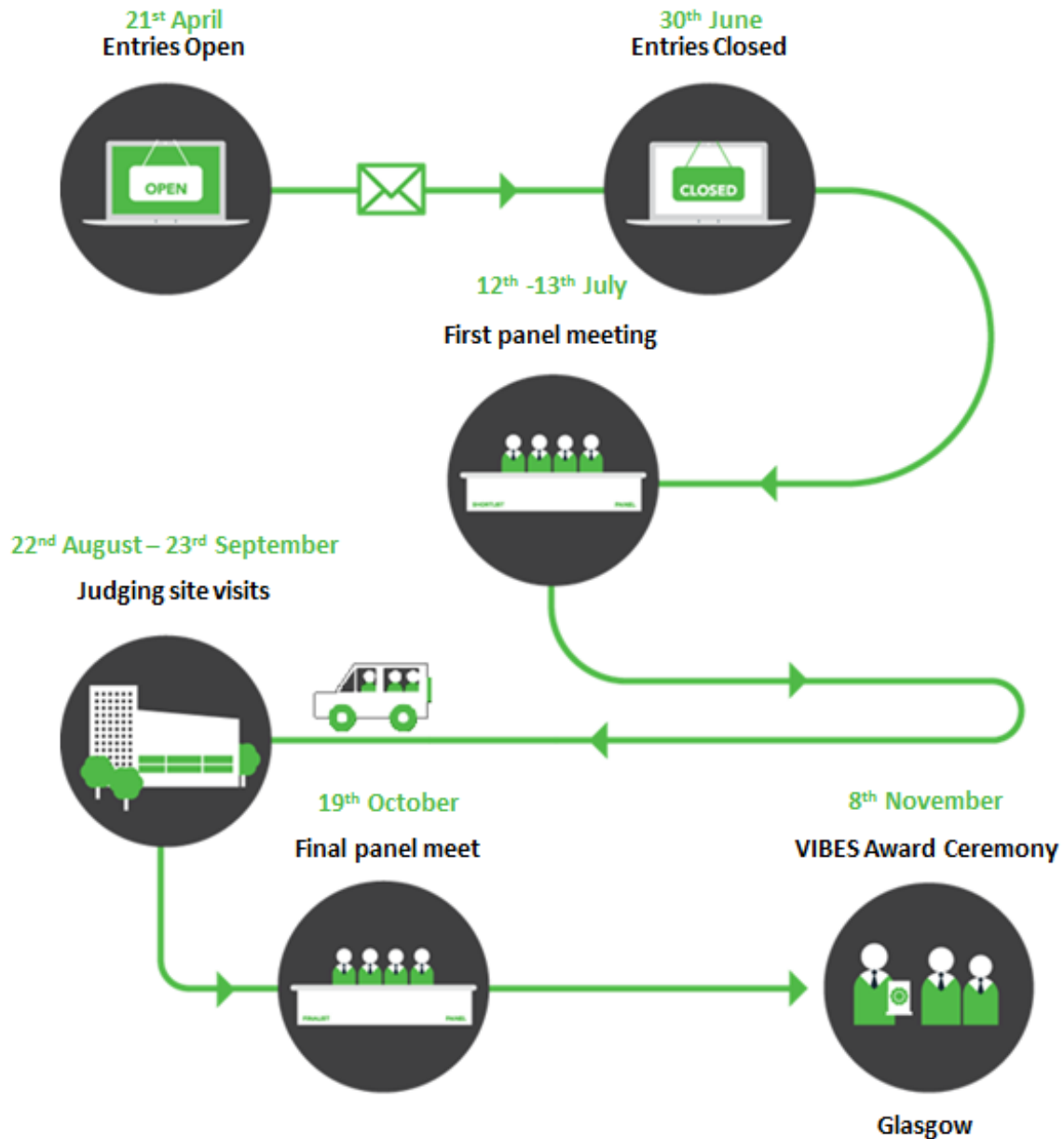
## What are the categories?

- Innovation (2016 themed award)
- Management (<250 and >250 employees)
- Environmental Product or Service
- Circular Economy
- Sustainable transport
- Green Teams
- Micro-Business Award
- Hydro Nation Challenge (In conjunction with WaterAid)



Also supported by CBI Scotland, the Institute of Directors, Federation of Small Businesses, Bright Green Business and Quality Scotland

## What is VIBES Process?



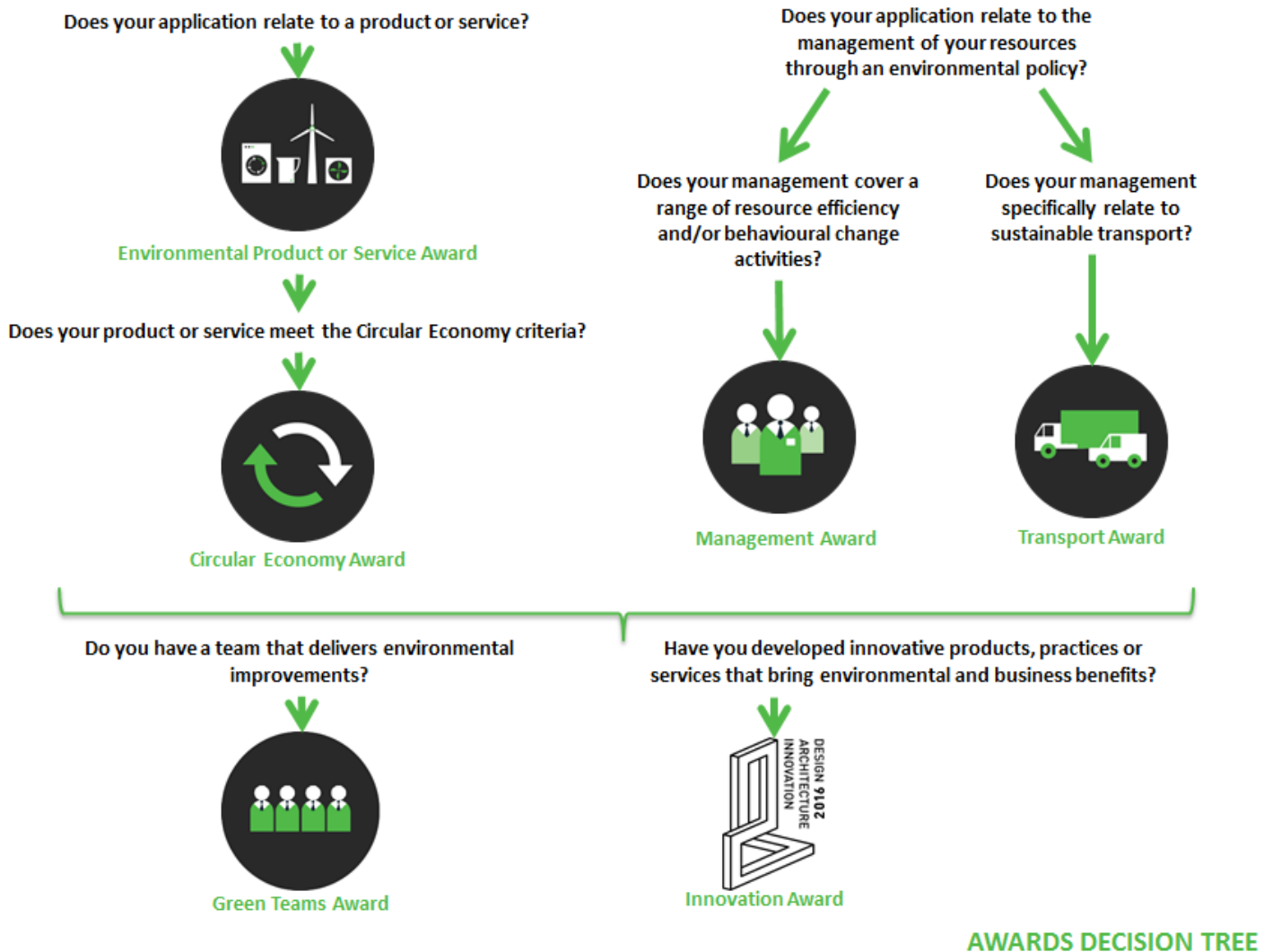
## How do I apply?

**Applications Opens on 21st April and Closes at 5:00pm on 30th June 2016**

Download application forms and guidance notes on <http://www.vibes.org.uk/award-categories/>

Send your completed form to [vibes@sepa.org.uk](mailto:vibes@sepa.org.uk) or by mail to address at the back of the form

## To which category should I apply?



Other categories:

- **Micro Business** : best entry into any of the Award categories from a business with 10 or less employees
- **Hydro Nation Challenge** (Charity Award in conjunction with WaterAid)

### Please note:

- Applications are site specific. If you have more than one site, you can make more than one entry per category
- Any Business Can enter more than one award category

### Good practice Summary:

- The Executive Summary of your entry is of vital importance – make sure this is **clear, concise and engaging**.
- Check all **spelling and punctuation**
- Tailor the information you have to the questions
- Do not use annexes as an alternative to writing an answer in the space provided. Ensure all relevant information is contained within the text of your answer
- If using technical jargon please explain this clearly for the judges, particularly when using acronyms
- Make sure your entry addresses each of the criteria directly, avoid repetition.
- Quantification in tables, graphs and other pictorial diagrams can often be more powerful than an extensive written description.

### For more information:

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