

# CIRCULAR ECONOMY AWARD

# APPLICATION FORM

2017

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# General Information

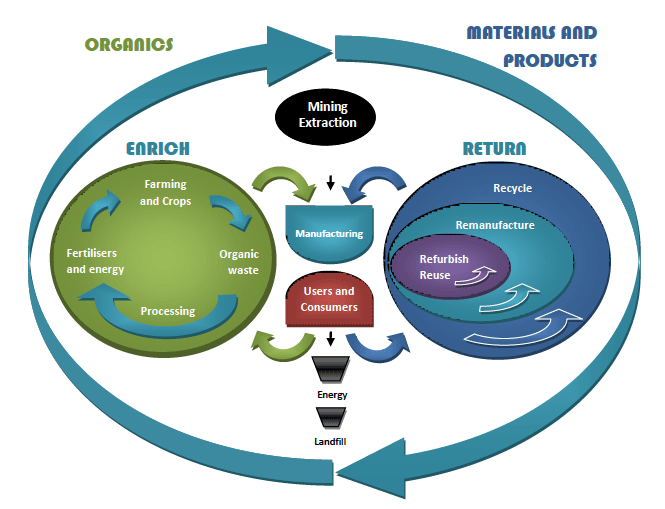
Welcome to the VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards 2017. The awards aim to emphasise that best environmental practice is not only good for business, the economy and competitiveness, but that it also benefits the surroundings in which we work, live and relax. VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards rewards those who have addressed sustainable development1 issues in the work place and encourages others to follow their examples.

*1 “Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (Bruntland Report definition) i.e. takes consideration of social, economic and environmental issues.*

The **Circular Economy Award** recognises businesses that can demonstrate a circular approach to material use and business function.

This category is aimed at businesses that can demonstrate how their product or services address the principles of the Circular Economy, which should include one or more of the following elements:

* Circular product design and innovation
* Product re-use, repair and remanufacturing
* Innovative business models
* Materials substitution
* Effective supply chain and cross-sectoral collaboration
* Re-use and/or adding value to waste, heat and energy.

A Circular Economy approach ensures that materials are retained within productive use, in a high value state, for as long as possible. It focuses on reshaping business and economic systems so that waste is ‘designed out’ of how we live. This approach is illustrated below:

# Entry Form

# Part a – Company Details

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| Company Name |  |
| Candidate site\* |  |
| Number of sites\* |  |
| Number of employees at site\* |  |
| Is your company part of a larger group?\* |  |
| If yes, please provide the name of the larger group\* |  |
| Number of employees in group\* |  |
| Are you classed as a small to medium sized enterprise (SME)?\*\* |  |
| Have you applied for a VIBES award previously? |  |
| If ‘yes’, when and which award(s)? |  |
| Where did you hear about the VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards? |  |

\* This information must be completed for a successful application

\*\* SMEs are defined as having less than 250 employees.

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| Main Business Activities |
| Please describe briefly the main business activities taking place at the site.  This section should include details of your main business activity, the services or products you provide and your principal markets. This summary is limited to 100 words. |
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| CONTACT INFORMATION | |
| Site Contact\* |  |
| Job Title\* |  |
| Telephone Number\* |  |
| Email Address\* |  |
| Website\* |  |
| Correspondence Address Including Postcode\* |  |

\* This information must be completed for a successful application

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| CIRCULAR ECONOMY |
| Please explain   * Why you are applying for this award * How your product/service contributes to the circular economy * Quantify how this product/service achieves environmental, social and economic benefit.   This section is limited to 500 words. |
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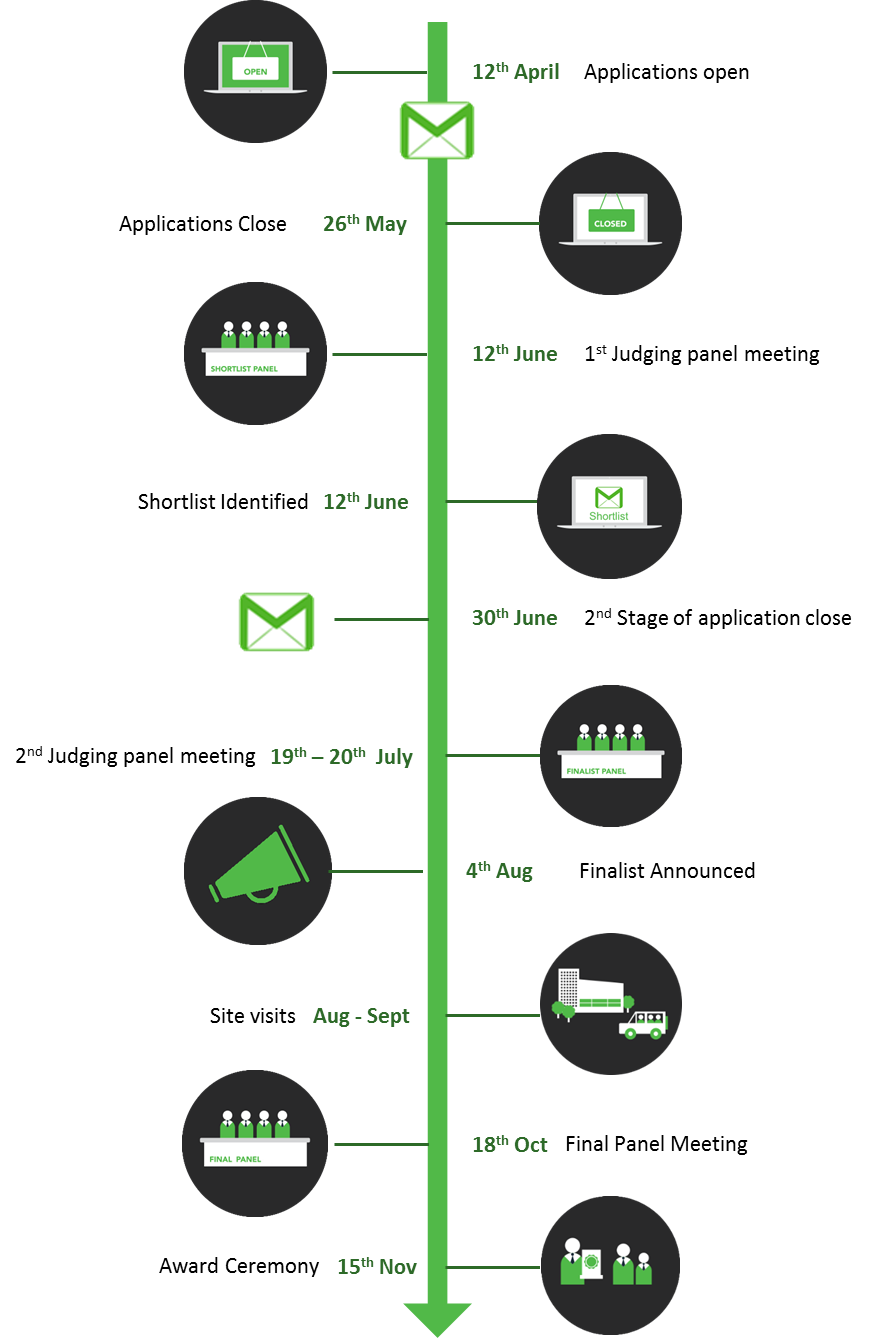
# Additional Award Categories

Do you want to apply for another award category? If so please tick the category/ categories you would like to apply for: Please provide any additional information that you think will support your application.

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|  | Management (Large or SME) |  | Transport |
|  | Environmental Product or Service |  | Green Team |
|  | Innovation |  | Hydro Nation |

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| Information to support additional award category/categories  This section is limited to 250 words per category. |
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# What next?



All the forms we receive will be assessed, and those which can demonstrate how they have achieved environmental, social and economic benefits and have reached the appropriate standard will be shortlisted and invited to provide further information.

This information will be reviewed and those businesses that can demonstrate the commitment and impact of sustainability on your business will be placed on the list of finalists. If you are placed on the list of finalists you will then receive a judge’s site visit. This gives you the opportunity to provide more details of your achievements and allows the judges to more accurately assess your application.

If your company has previously applied for or won a VIBES award, it is important that you can demonstrate continuous or additional improvement from the time of your previous application.

Please note we are limiting the shortlist to a **maximum of 10** per category and the finalists to a **maximum of 5** per category for 2017.

# EBAE Awards

# Part b

These awards act as a participating feeder scheme for the European Business Awards for the Environment (EBAE).

If you are successful with your VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards entry we will provide you with further information on the EBAE. You can read more about the European awards by visiting their website at: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/awards/index.html.

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| **AWARDS** | |
| **Are you happy for your application to be put forward as a potential UK entry for EBAE?** |  |

# Partners & Sponsors

Please note that by entering VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards you agree to share the information you provide with the partner organisations for judging purposes.

We may ask partner organisations for additional information. This information will only be used to help assess your suitability as a VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards winner.

If you’re successful with your entry, we will prepare a case study to highlight the areas of your business that particularly impressed the judges. Once you have approved the content of the case study, it will be used to promote good practice more widely.

The partner organisations are:

* Energy Saving Trust
* Highlands and Islands Enterprise
* Scottish Environment Protection Agency
* Scottish Enterprise
* Scottish Water
* Scottish Government
* Zero Waste Scotland
* 2020 Climate Group

The Awards are supported by:

* CBI Scotland
* Institute of Directors
* Bright Green Business
* FSB
* Quality Scotland

Partner organisations, sponsors and supporting organisations may contact you with further information that they consider may be appropriate. Please indicate if you do not want to receive this information.

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| Please mark if you **do not** wish to receive information from partner organisations. | ☐ |
| Please mark if you **do not** wish to receive information from sponsor organisations. | ☐ |
| Please mark if you **do not** wish to receive information from supporting organisations. | ☐ |

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| **Have you had contact with any of the VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards** **partners in the past?** |  |
| **If ‘yes’, please elaborate.** |  |

# Submission Details

Forms can be downloaded as a Word document from www.vibes.org.uk, completed electronically and submitted via e-mail to vibes@sepa.org.uk.

**We encourage email entries**, although you may prefer to complete forms manually. Please endeavour to write as clearly as possible and send paper copies to the address at the back of the form.

To submit your completed application, save this word document using your company as the file name (if saving as PDF, please also provide a Word version). Then electronically submit this to us at the email address below.

Email Submission

[vibes@SEPA.org.uk](mailto:vibes@SEPA.org.uk)

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Good luck from the whole team!