

# HYDRO NATION 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 rewards those who have addressed sustainable1 development 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.*

Innovation is crucial to the continuing success of any organisation. In order to achieve environmental sustainability, businesses need to innovate to develop products, practices and services that reduce resources and minimise environmental impact compared to those they are intended to replace

The **Hydro Nation Award** recognises businesses, partnerships and collaborations that have specifically developed innovative products, practices or services in the area of water treatment and water technology.

The innovation could be a novel way of, for example,

* reducing chemical use or removing priority substances,
* recovering nutrients,
* reducing energy or other operational costs of water use,
* recovering energy or heat from waste water or sewage,
* treating waste water,
* providing water services to remote communities.

The technology can be, but does not have to be, new or high tech. The application can utilise an existing technology and /or modification of an existing technology for a new product or service but there should be an efficiency gain compared to the conventional technology that would be replaced. Entrants’ product(s) may have already been developed and in the marketplace, or may still be in the development stage.

# Entry Form

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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 – Scottish Environment Business Awards 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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| HYDRO NATION |
| Please explain * Why you are applying for this award
* What is innovative about your product/service (this must apply to a water treatment or water technology)
* Quantify how this innovation 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 |
|  | Circular Economy  |  | Green Team |
|  | Environmental Product or Service |  | Innovation |

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



All the forms we receive will be assessed, and those which can demonstrate how the innovation has 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 viability of the innovation 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

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

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| 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. |
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Good luck from the whole team!