

ROCCO

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BUSINESS AWARDS 2010

The shortlist for the 2010 ROCCO awards have been announced and over the coming weeks we will be showcasing the nominees in all the categories. Reporters JEwan McInnes, Jennifer Cauley and Julia Correia continues this week with the Workforce Plus Employer of the Year Award sponsored by Renfrewshire Workforce Plus. Bowlplex, The Fair Trade Hub and KDS Group are all in the running to win the prestigious accolade. Companies Diageo, Kinnarps and The Scottish Leather Group are shortlisted for the Best Environmental Performance Award sponsored by William Tracey. The ROCCO awards takes place on Friday November 12 at the Normandy Hotel in Renfrew. For more information about the awards or to book tickets please visit www.roccoawards.com



KINNARPPS

THIS is the first Rocco nomination for Kinnarps, a Swedish, family-owned workplace furniture specialist, with a new Local Business Centre and Showroom in Glasgow, which opened in July 2010.

From selecting your new desk chairs through to planning your new office design, everything's covered – right down to delivery, fitting and project management. The Kinnarps Total Service Concept is the core of the companies program, giving customers peace of mind and time to focus on their business. Kinnarps Head of Regional Business Scotland, Ray Phelan said: "What makes Kinnarps unique is that we control our whole business from start to finish, and so are able to assume environmental responsibility at every stage and ensure best practice: from sourcing sustainable raw materials to developing greener pro-

duction systems, and from reusing and recycling leftover materials in our factories to minimising the carbon footprint of our deliveries."

Kinnarps provide interior/workspace solutions for offices and public environments. High quality and low environmental impact mark the entire chain – from raw material to finished solutions for the workspace. This is Kinnarps's first Rocco nomination and we entered because we are keen to let the local business community know about the many ways that Kinnarps can help them to meet their environmental responsibilities, whilst offering inspiring and ergonomically designed workspaces, said Mr Phelan. "The Rocco Awards are highly prestigious and being short-listed in the Sustainability category is a wonderful way to celebrate our new home in Glasgow."

BOWLPLEX



THE GREAT INDOORS



OVERCOMING barriers is all in a day's work for Bowlplex's staff. The Xscape-based family entertainment centre's commitment to inclusive employment has been recognised in the Workforce Plus Employer of the Year category at the Rocco awards.

The company has been working in partnership with various organisations – Enable Scotland, Open Futures, Paisley Partnership, Inspiring Scotland and Renfrewshire Workforce Plus for a couple of years to provide jobs for people, some with disabilities, who have difficulty finding and maintaining work.

Currently employing four people, out of a workforce of 33, who fit this category manager David Rowan said "these employees have overcome barriers.

We made adjustments to work tasks to make sure they were

happy and supported so they could continue in their jobs."

In their positions for between two and a half years and six months, Rowan thinks Bowlplex's staff prove that its worth 'going the extra mile' for employees. "Everyone is a part of the team and we couldn't run without any of them. Everyone does a great job here. All our employees are treated exactly the same."

Rowan was 'gobsmacked' when he found out Bowlplex had been short-listed and the whole staff team were delighted. "I'm very happy our joint working has led to short-listing that in itself is an achievement.

"We were urged by our partners at Open Futures to put ourselves forward.

"We do this for the employees, but it would be fantastic to be recognised with a Rocco award."

The shortlisted companies for the ROCCO 2010 awards are:

Excellence in Customer Services sponsored by BAA Glasgow Airport
Brookfield Alarms
J&M Murdoch & Son
Spectrum Service Solutions

Innovation & Technology sponsored by Reid Kerr College
Bridgeall mVenture
NS Design

Excellence in Manufacturing sponsored by The Malcolin Group
Diageo
Rolls Royce
VSK Engineering Technologies

Best Environmental Performance sponsored by William Tracey
Diageo
Kinnarps
The Scottish Leather Group

Workforce Plus Employer of the Year sponsored by Renfrewshire Workforce Plus
Bowlplex
KDS Group
Rainbow Turtle

Most Promising New Business 2010 sponsored by Renfrewshire Council
Fission Creative
Project Management & Construction
The JR Group

Award for Outstanding Performing Business <25 Employees sponsored by Rolls Royce
fabBuzz
NS Design

Award for Outstanding Performing Business >25 Employees sponsored by BAA
Diageo
Howden Group
William Tracey

Award for Social Enterprise sponsored by Renfrewshire Council
Kibble Education & Care Centre
Renfrewshire Wide Credit Union
Stepping Stone for Families

Employee of the Year. With no shortlist the award for Employee of the Year will be announced on the night with a special prize of a weekend stay in Gleneagles for the winner, which has been donated by Diageo.

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