

North Notts Business Awards 2018

Terms and Conditions for the Public Voting Awards 2018

Nomination Acceptance Form

Please tick the boxes below to confirm: -

	I have read, understand and accept in full the Terms and Conditions of the North Notts Business Awards below and hereby accept the public voting awards nomination upon behalf of my organisation and confirm that I am authorised to do so.
	I agree that if this entry is judged to be a finalist that I shall purchase one or more tickets for, and attend, the Awards Ceremony on Friday, 16 th March 2018.

Name:

**Company
and
Designation:**

Date:

Please save your acceptance form electronically as YOURCOMPANY_CATEGORY.doc, e.g. Yyzcompany_excellenceincustomerservices.doc

Please submit your acceptance form to awards@northnottsbc.uk by no later than **Tuesday, 31st October 2017.**

Terms and Conditions

1. The North Notts Business Awards, organised by North Notts Business Connections (NNBC), is free for all firms to enter for both the judged and public voting categories. No administration fees or entry charges are payable in any category.
2. **Eligibility:** Firms and entrants who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to be nominated and enter the North Notts Business Awards:-

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- a) Any local firm based within the district of Bassetlaw - that's defined as those situated within the geographical district not areas which share a Bassetlaw postal address. If you are unsure please ask us for postcode verification of the firm's geographical eligibility. NNBC's confirmation is final.
 - b) Nominees for the Best Visitor Experience and Independent Retailer Award must trade from commercial retail premises serving the general public within the geographical eligibility areas stated above.
 - c) Nominees for the Best Artisan Business Award will need to be B2C, directly serving the general public and trading as a registered business, including self-employed. Franchises are excluded.
3. Any eligible organisation may only accept a nomination for one of the three categories of the Public Voting Awards, the nomination will be applied to the category for which a firm is nominated first. If the firm is nominated for 2 or more categories simultaneously then the firm may choose which category nomination to accept.
 4. Award category sponsor firms may accept any eligible nominations for their firm for the Public Voting Awards with the exception of the category which they are sponsoring.
 5. All nominees are required to complete and return the nomination acceptance form which should be completed and submitted electronically in a word document or pdf. No other formats are acceptable.
 6. The closing date for the receipt of the acceptance of the nominations forms by NNBC is 31st October 2017.
 7. Nominees are also encouraged to enter the judged categories, the entry forms for which may be downloaded from the North North Notts Business Awards website www.northnottsbusinessawards.weebly.com
 8. An awards category may be withdrawn if an inadequate number of eligible nominations are received.
 9. Only votes received via the dedicated voting facility available via the North Notts Business Awards website will be counted. Votes will not be accepted via any other medium. The counting of votes may be verified by an independent third party.
 10. Votes accepted are strictly one vote per person per category. All voting is closely and manually monitored to ensure fair play. If there is any detection of multi voting, vote rigging or any such shenanigans then the nominee will be eliminated and without notice, appeal or recourse.
 11. Voting closes on Friday, 12th January 2018. Votes received after this time will not be counted.
 12. Due to the number of votes expected, votes may not be acknowledged.
 13. The finalists of the Public Voting Awards will consist of the three to five nominees in each category for which NNBC, or its appointed representatives or agents, receive the greatest number of votes through the specified public voting process as above and as published on the North Notts Business Awards website www.northnottsbusinessawards.weebly.com
 14. The finalists for all awards categories will be announced at the NNBC Breakfast Networking on **Wednesday, 31st January 2018 at Spencer's on the Square** and to which all nominees from all categories are actively encouraged to attend. The finalist results will be published on the North Notts Business Awards website and announced to the press a number of days later.
 15. The winner of each category will be the nominee who receives the highest number of eligible votes through the voting process.
 16. Award winners will be announced at North Notts Business Awards Ceremony on **Friday, 16th March 2017 at North Notts Arena**. All awards shortlisted finalists from all of the Public Voting categories will be required to attend the awards ceremony having purchased the appropriate awards ceremony ticket. This forms part of the Terms and Conditions of entering or accepting a nomination the awards. Any finalists who do not comply with the agreed Terms & Conditions will be duly eliminated from the awards process.
 17. Winners will receive a commemorative award presented at the awards ceremony. The list of winners and photographs will also be published on the North Notts Business Awards website and the same

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will be publicised by NNBC through a variety of media. All photographs and video remain the property of NNBC and copyright of the professional photographer.

18. Photographs and video will be taken throughout both the meeting announcing the finalists and at the awards ceremony. All photographs and video remain the property of NNBC and copyright of the professional photographer and used for publicity purposes.
19. Awards Finalists and Winners may be requested to participate in post event publicity.
20. The organisers and judges reserve the right to reject a nomination acceptance or entry or withdraw an award from any applicant supplying false, inaccurate or misleading information within an entry or acceptance form or in the event of any subsequent disputes. Any decisions made will be final.
21. An appeals process or recount facility is not available as standard. However, upon receipt of a written request to NNBC, we will be very happy to provide this facility for you and we will arrange a recount in the presence of the Independent Judging panel and any independent third party responsible for verifying the original vote count. Your written request will also need to include your confirmation and agreement that you are prepared to cover in full all costs and expenses which may be incurred by NNBC, the judges and the independent third party including their time on an hourly basis at each party's individual normal commercial working rates.
22. By accepting your nomination for the North Notts Business Awards you agree to abide by all of Terms and Conditions in full and without exception.

Key Dates:-

Closing date for submitting your acceptance of your nomination is **Tuesday, 31st October 2017,**

The closing date for voting is **Friday, 12th January 2018.**

The finalists will be announced at NNBC Breakfast Networking on **Wednesday, 31st January 2018 at Spencer's on the Square.** All nominees are encouraged to book and attend so that they can be presented with their finalist certificate and take part in the publicity photos for the finalists.

The North Notts Business Awards 2017 Awards ceremony takes place on **Friday, 16th March 2018 at North Notts Arena.**