

cosla excellence awards

2016 WINNERS SHOWCASE SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT ITS VERY BEST

The 2016 COSLA Excellence Awards have honoured 9 Scottish councils and their partners for outstanding quality of service to the public.

West Dunbartonshire, Stirling and Clackmannanshire, City of Edinburgh, Angus, and East Lothian Councils all took first place in their award categories. East Ayrshire Council scooped the Chairman's Award, while Inverclyde achieved the Excellent People, Excellent Outcomes Award. Dumfries and Galloway Council picked up both the SOLACE Best Team Award and the Scottish Government Award for Delivering Excellence.

COSLA President Councillor David O'Neill, who chaired the judging panel, described the entries for the awards this year as inspiring:

"The COSLA Excellence Awards showcase and celebrate the very best of Scottish Local Government. Our winners sum up what Scottish councils are all about- innovative and joined up services, delivered by hard working staff, that are changing lives every day."

Councillor O'Neill continued: *"At every stage of the Awards it's been clear to me that councils and their partners are breaking new ground in rising to the challenges that they face. We have witnessed some incredible projects, and the results are already speaking for themselves."*

"Every one of our finalists have set new standards for excellence, and demonstrated effective ways of dealing with some of Scotland's most complex issues. But more than anything else, I have been struck by the sheer determination and passion that council workers and our partners have for improving outcomes in their local communities. All those who took part should be very proud indeed."

"Now more than ever before, it's vital that we build on real life success stories like these. The 2016 COSLA Excellence Awards are helping to do just that, and on the evidence so far, the future of Scotland's local services looks very exciting."

NOTE TO EDITORS

- Now in their 18th year, the COSLA Excellence Awards are amongst the most established and biggest of their kind
- Full details of all the award winners can be found at www.awards.cosla.gov.uk
- The overall winners were announced at an Awards Ceremony on 6 October following a three stage judging processes which narrowed over 200 projects down to the overall winners.
- The Awards Ceremony is part of the Annual COSLA and Improvement Service Conference.

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Working4U – Best Fit for the Future

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