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Enterprise Awards open for applications from the UK's finest entrepreneurs

Seventh Enterprise Awards to support Founders4Schools during London Tech Week

London, 27 February 2017: The **Enterprise Awards**, originally founded seven years ago by the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists in the City of London, have opened for entries.

Focused on the founder rather than the business, former winners include the founders of British unicorns FanDuel and Transferwise, as well as Vin Murria whose Advanced Computer Software Products was sold to Vista Partners for £725 million.

This year's awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday 14th June at The Dorchester, during **London Technology Week**. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Sherry Coutu's **Founders4Schools** that helps schools find inspiring business leaders to speak to children in the classroom.

The Enterprise Awards has 11 categories including 'Young Entrepreneur', 'Emerging Entrepreneur', 'Public Sector Award', 'Scaling Up Award' and 'The Judge's Special Awards'. Applicants are judged on a number of factors including vision, growth, innovation, funding, use of capital, use of resources, strategy, execution, ambition and determination to succeed. Judges will visit shortlisted companies to see the entrepreneurs in action, before deciding the final winners.

John O'Connell, Chairman of the **Scaleup Group** and founder of the Enterprise Awards, said, "Entrepreneurship is hugely important to the UK's economy, never more so now than in these rather uncertain times. These awards are all about celebrating the personal achievements of great business minds, to give them the recognition they deserve but also to inspire more people to have the courage to launch their own businesses, and to use technology to bring their ideas to life. We like to think of them as the 'Oscars of technology industry'!"

"Uniquely, our categories allow us to recognise entrepreneurs at all stages of the journey - from pre-revenue onwards. But we also have awards for those that dedicate their time to spotting and nurturing talent, for example with our 'Mentor of the Year' award. We believe that this is key to safeguarding the future of Britain's economy, and is one of the main reasons we have chosen Founders4Schools as our charity for 2017."

Additional Notes:

The Enterprise Awards has the continued support of the [Worshipful Company and Information Technologists](#) - and has once again attracted some big name sponsors for the event including [Sage](#), [NatWest](#), [Questers](#), [RandDTax](#), [Scaleup Group](#), [Silverpeak](#), [Smith & Williamson](#), [TechMarketView](#) and [Stifel](#). Additional partners for the event include [tx2events](#), [FieldHouse Associates](#) and [Whiteoaks](#).

2016 Winners:

- **Young Entrepreneur** - Tom Hatten, RefME
- **Serial Entrepreneur** - Ed Macnair, Censornet
- **Emerging Entrepreneur** - Becky Downing, BuzzMove
- **Developing Entrepreneur** - Ian O'Rourke, Adthema
- **Social** - Hellen Bowey, Alcove
- **Public** - Simon Hansford, Skyscape
- **Female Entrepreneur** - Joanne Smith, RecordSure
- **Enterprise** - Steve King & Hugo Amos, Black Swan
- **ScaleUp** - Adam Hale, Fairsail
- **Judges Award for Potential** - Rhydian Lewis & Peter Behrens, RateSetter
- **Judges Award for Innovation** - Steve Cliffe, Ultrahaptics
- **Mentor Award** - Nick Travis, Smith & Williamson

To enter the Awards please complete the [Enterprise Awards 2017 Entry Form](#) and return to [Sarah Robinson](#) at tx2events. The deadline for entries is 28 April 2017. For information on the Awards Dinner and sponsorship opportunities please see [sponsorship packages](#) or contact [Tina Compton](#) or [Tina Gallagher](#) on 020 3137 2541.

Guests can attend this not-to-be-missed event by purchasing either individual tickets or a table for ten people. Individual tickets are priced at £250 + VAT. For a table for ten, they are priced at £2,000 + VAT. Bookings may be made online or by completing a [booking form](#).