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Finalists revealed for the 2018 Summit Entrepreneurship Awards

The finalists for the 2018 Summit Entrepreneurship Awards, staged by Entrepreneurial Scotland and STV, have been revealed today (Tuesday, 23 October 2018).

The awards recognise outstanding entrepreneurial talent across seven categories:

- *Entrepreneur of the Year*
- *Scale-Up Entrepreneur of the Year*
- *Social Entrepreneur of the Year*
- *Intrapreneur of the Year*
- *Academic to the Entrepreneur*
- *Rising Star of the Year*
- *Young Entrepreneur of the Year*

With more than 250 nominations, a rigorous review took place to determine the final candidates in each of the seven categories. These candidates will now take part in challenging judging days on 30 October and 1 November in Glasgow. They will face a panel of some of Scotland's most successful entrepreneurs who will decide the winners. The winners will be announced at the awards night to be held at SWG3 in Glasgow on 22 November.

This year's finalists are:

Entrepreneur of the Year in association with Deloitte

- **Derek Pierce**, J&D Pierce Contracts
- **Chris Stewart**, Chris Stewart Group
- **Simon Hannah**, Filshill

Scale-Up Entrepreneur of the Year in association with Barclays

- **Mike Wilson**, Ecosse Subsea
- **Neil Logan**, Incremental Group
- **Steven Gray**, ROVOP

Social Entrepreneur of the Year

- **Josh Littlejohn**, Social Bite
- **Celia Hodson**, Hey Girls
- **Alan Mahon**, Brewgooder

Intrapreneur of the Year

- **Robin Watson**, Wood plc
- **Mark Hunter**, Sainsbury's Bank
- **Hugh Edmiston**, The University of Edinburgh

Academic to the Entrepreneur

- **Caroline Barelle**, Elasmogen
- **Cait Murray-Green**, CuanTec
- **Monika Tomecka**, uFraction8

Rising Star of the Year

- **Martin McDonnell**, Sublime Digital
- **Kristian Tapaninaho**, Ooni
- **Michael Corrigan**, Trtl

Young Entrepreneur of the Year in association with Scotland is Now

- **Erin McGinley**, E-mogis
- **Isla Leslie**, Estrele
- **Lucy Sinclair**, iBaller

Some of Scotland's most high profile entrepreneurial leaders will form the judging panel chaired by Colette Grant, Grant Property including: Gareth Williams, Skyscanner; Mike Welch, Blackcircles; Julie Wilson, Cheeky Chompers; Stuart Brown, Barclays; Richard Slater, Deloitte, Cat Leaver, Scotland is Now and Ian McConnell, The Herald.

Commenting on the Awards, **Entrepreneurial Scotland Chief Executive, Sandy Kennedy**, said: *"Huge congratulations to all of the finalists. We received a phenomenal response to our call for nominations, the entrepreneurial talent for each category was truly impressive.*

"We showcase and celebrate entrepreneurial leaders from all backgrounds across the public, private and social sectors and at every stage of growth. By increasing awareness of Scotland's entrepreneurs, and highlighting their contribution to the economy and society, we aim to inspire others to take the next step to start or scale-up their own successful enterprises."

STV Client Services Director and Summit judge, Danielle Kelly, said: *"It's fantastic to see the exciting and diverse finalists shortlisted for this year's Summit Entrepreneurship Awards. The celebration of entrepreneurs on STV over the last four months has really highlighted the*

wealth of skill, innovation and determination that is driving the Scottish economy. I am very much looking forward to meeting the shortlisted nominees, learning more about their exciting entrepreneurial journeys and recognising their achievements at the 2018 Summit Entrepreneurship Awards in November.

“We can’t wait to celebrate Scotland’s entrepreneurship at the Summit Entrepreneurship Awards next month.”

Tickets for the 2018 Summit Entrepreneurship Awards dinner to be held at SWG3 in Glasgow are available at www.summitscot.com/buy-tickets

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About Entrepreneurial Scotland

Entrepreneurial Scotland is a member network and leadership development organisation providing opportunities for like-minded ambitious individuals to share experiences and develop their leadership skills. It aims to inspire, develop and connect Scotland's current and future leaders to build the most entrepreneurial society in the world.

Entrepreneurial Scotland is also the backbone organisation supporting the Scotland CAN DO movement.

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Scotland CAN DO is a shared statement of intent towards becoming a world-leading entrepreneurial and innovative nation: a CAN DO place for business. This is based on the clear recognition that if we are to achieve sustainable economic growth, and create opportunities for everyone in Scotland to flourish, then we must work together to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation across Scotland.

Scotland is Now is a £6m initiative bringing together the Scottish Government, VisitScotland, Scottish Development International and Universities Scotland to promote the country globally.

About STV

STV is Scotland’s leading digital media brand, providing consumers with quality content on air, online and on demand. STV’s broadcast channel reaches 3.5 million viewers each month with first-class programming including soaps *Emmerdale* and *Coronation Street*, big drama

productions, entertainment hits *The X Factor* and *Britain's Got Talent*, strong home-grown productions and the most comprehensive local news service in the UK.

STV Productions is one of the UK's leading content businesses with ambitious plans for domestic and international growth. The company has a record of success across a range of genres, including drama, entertainment and factual, producing programmes for a variety of broadcasters. Highlights include entertainment show *Catchphrase* for ITV, ratings winner *Antiques Road Trip* for BBC One and documentaries *Britain's Polar Bear Cub* for Channel 4, *Ross Kemp Behind Bar - Inside Barlinnie* for ITV and *Prison: First & Last 24 Hours* for Sky1. In drama, four part thriller *The Victim* is due for transmission on BBC One, and STV Productions has also confirmed a second BBC commission – 90 minute drama *Elizabeth Is Missing*.

STV's digital business incorporates Scotland's most popular commercial media website, stv.tv, and includes an enhanced digital news app serving consumers local, national and international news as well as features, sport and weather in one place. The STV Player offers consumers within STV's license areas in Scotland the opportunity to enjoy programmes live or on catch-up.

STV content is available across platforms including iOS, Android, YouView and Samsung Smart TV.