

WEDO AWARDS CELEBRATE SCOTLAND'S ENTREPRENEURS

UWI Technology has been named the Most Innovative Business at the WeDO Scotland annual awards.

Edinburgh-based UWI Technology was established by Pete Higgins and offers smart labelling solutions.

The awards recognise the outstanding business success stories among the 150-strong membership of the Scottish networking group for entrepreneurs.

Pete Higgins, Founder and CEO of UWI Technology, said:

“We are delighted to have won the WeDO Scotland Award for Most Innovative Business. With so many innovative companies in Scotland, it is fantastic recognition for all the hard work the team here have put in especially over the last year to make the UWI Label the truly innovative product it is today. The reassuringly simple label continues to make waves in several sectors from Food and Drink to Aerospace and Life Sciences as it reduces unnecessary wastage, saving money for all concerned – a real win-win story. As we embark on our next round of investment for commercialisation and expanding our dedicated team, this award is a great reminder to potential investors looking to be part of UWI of how a simple, but innovative idea can have such huge impact on so many sectors on a global scale.”

Dougie Walker of Claymore Security Solutions was chosen as Entrepreneur of the Year. Other categories were the High Growth Company which was scooped by fatBuzz; Young Entrepreneur was named as Kirsty Mackenzie from iMultiply Resourcing; and New Start Business award was given to The Big Cheese Making Kit.

Belinda Roberts, Founder of WeDO Scotland, said:

“Pete Higgins and his team have established and built a business in an inspirational way and it has been a pleasure hearing how their hard work and ambition is paying off with the company going from strength to strength. The judges and I had a fantastic time learning more about the passion and drive of our members and these business stories which should be held as shining examples of the entrepreneurial spirit which is alive here in Scotland.”

WeDO Scotland is a networking group for entrepreneurs in Scotland. With around 150 members, the exclusive group is by invitation only and works with small, young start-ups through to larger and more established businesses.

The judging panel for the awards included Graham Langley, founder of GL Capital, Russell Dagleish, Founder of Exolta Capital Partners in London and Jack Ogston, Non-Executive Director of Davidson Chalmers LLP and the Scottish

Building Society.

The fifth annual WeDO Scotland awards were held on Friday 22nd November at Edinburgh's Sheraton Grand Hotel.

Notes to editors:

Full list of finalists: New Start Business of the Year: Pike & Bambridge and The Big Cheese Making Kit; Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Eddie Robb of Make It Social and Kirsty Mackenzie of iMultiply Resourcing; Most Innovative Business: UWI Technology and Bongomagic; High Growth Company of the Year: Pretty Klicks and fatBuzz.

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