

Richmond Business Awards 2016

Rugby club hosts day of workshops

HARLEQUINS rugby ground hosted the Chamber Workshop on Building and Leading Teams Tuesday afternoon.

The day was sponsored by Dale Carnegie at Harlequins Rugby.

Anne Newton, Richmond Chamber of Commerce CEO, said: "Our subsidised chamber classes and group mentoring sessions are aimed at sharing business best practice to business owners executives from all types of businesses such that they can up-skill, be more productive and effective in their daily work."

"Just like the Harlequins Rugby Team we train businesses and non profits to achieve the best they can, day in, day out."

Don't miss it: The business awards deadline has been moved to October 4



The 'drop dead date'

Extension for business entries for this year's annual awards

DUE to popular demand the Richmond Business Awards deadline has been extended until October 4, with Chambers of Commerce chief executive Anne Newton saying this is the "drop dead date for your entries".

Ms Newton said: "Remember to enter as many categories as you can and involve your functional team managers so that the entries are as reflective as your business as possible."

"Remember typically we find that nobody expects to win and it is wonderful when the business owner or senior executive lifts the trophy or holds the framed certificate on Friday, November 4."

The chief executive added: "It is all about that recognition that money cannot buy."

"The publicity, PR and peer acknowledgement that winning the award achieves."

"So you have one more week to let us know about all aspects of your business via online entry of up to 13 categories and three winning places in each at www.richmondbusinessawards.com."

The categories are:

- Exporting – international trade
- Innovation
- Training and development
- Professional standards
- CSR – corporate social responsibility
- Website – digital marketing
- Customer Service
- Start-up
- Small business up to £1m
- Business of any size above £1m

- Charity or Non Profit
- Retailer

Ms Newton said: "Last, but not least, The People's Choice. How popular are you?"

"The general public can vote for your business too."

"So why not encourage your customers, colleagues and friends to vote for your organisation."

In other business news, this week's highlights included the opening of the H20 building at The Wetlands Centre with Thames Water and Baroness Kramer.

Ms Newton said: "The rallying cry to business was to consider our planet first and foremost when considering CSR aspects of their strategy and a heads-up that the Wetlands Centre will be campaigning hard to promote comprehensive and sustainable environmental policies, which begin with our new borne and continue through all the generations."

The second highlight was the Richmond Running Festival on Sunday.

This was business and corporate social responsibility.

Ms Newton added: "All businesses must give back to the local community and many businesses did just that on Sunday."

"The race itself since its inception had raised thousands of pounds for charity and has encouraged us all to run – great CSR all round."

"So we look forward to seeing them in the running of this year's CSR Award."

In brief

Thursday, September 29, 6.30pm – Chamber Business Evening with unique wine tasting at Twickenham Experience, Twickenham Stadium.

Tuesday, October 4, 10am – Chamber Coffee Morning at St Mary's University, Twickenham.

Monday, October 10, 2pm – Chamber Business Workshop: The Dimensions of Successful Leadership, Harlequins Football Club.

Thursday, October 13, 6.30pm – Chamber Cocktail Party at Livin Kitchens TW9 2SE.

Thursday, October 20, 7.30pm – Chamber Business Breakfast with Dr Tania Mathias MP at The Lensbury.

Monday, October 31 – Exclusive Members only Chamber Group Mentoring Programme – group mentoring programme designed to give local businesses peer to peer support.

Friday, November 4 – RICHMOND BUSINESS AWARDS 2016 BLACK TIE GALA EVENING AND RECEPTION.

Tuesday, November 8 – Chamber Coffee Morning at Shambles Italian Bar & Restaurant Teddington.

Thursday, November 17 – Chamber Pamper Evening at The House of Fraser, Richmond.

Monday, November 21 – Exclusive Members only Chamber Group Mentoring Programme.

Tuesday, November 22 – Chamber Business Breakfast at Richmond Upon Thames College.

Tuesday, November 22 – Chamber Business Masterclass: Build your Social Enterprise.

Thursday, December 8 – Chamber Festive Business Breakfast at Whole Foods Market Richmond

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