



The shortlisted finalists for the 2011 Scottish Waste & Resources Awards have been announced today by the Scottish Waste & Resources Steering Group.

Launched in 2001, the awards have been designed to recognise outstanding achievements in the waste and resource industry in Scotland and provide a unique opportunity for the public, private and community sectors to gain national recognition for environmental performance, innovation and best practice.

Selected by a panel of five industry experts, the shortlisted finalists include:

Excellence in Resource Management Award – sponsored by Zero Waste Scotland

Fife Council

Brookfield Multiplex Europe

Perth & Kinross Council

CORE

Best Partnership Initiative Award – sponsored by Waste Recycling Group

Project OSKAR with partner Renfrewshire Council

Fife Council Building Services with partner AICO

North Ayrshire Council with partner Joint Ayrshire Councils Reuse Campaign

Young Recycler of the Year Award – sponsored by Avondale Environmental

Adam Szilagyi – Shanks

Laura Blair – Aberdeen City Council

Maureen Lindsay – Viridor

Outstanding Contribution – The People's Choice – sponsored by SITA

George Niblock – Niblock Environmental

Martin Grey – Viridor

Jamie Pitcairn – AEA Technology

"Today's waste industry is very different to the past and we now need to think outside the box and engage with multi-tiered audiences. There were some exceptionally innovative ideas and partnerships put forward and the Young Recycler award entrants in particular have really set the bar high this year," said Professor Jim Baird of Glasgow Caledonian University

"Sadly, we did not receive any entrants for the Resource Management Award in the medium sized organisation category (between 25-100 employees). We know there are many businesses in Scotland who are more than eligible to enter and are making significant progress in many aspects of recycling and/or sustainable waste management, and we would urge these companies to come forward in 2012 so they can be recognised and rewarded."

The Scottish Waste & Resources Award winners will be unveiled on Thursday 6th October 2011 at the annual Awards Dinner hosted by the BBC Scotland's political editor, Brian Taylor. The dinner rounds off the two-day Scottish Waste and Resources Conference at the same venue, details of which can be found at www.scotwaste.org