



*Excellence in
Local Government*

10th Anniversary Beacon Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner

3 March 2009, QEII Centre
Westminster, London

Join us in celebrating success and excellence in the community

The Beacon Awards Ceremony represents the highlight of the Beacon year. This high-profile event recognises local authorities' clear vision, outstanding achievement and service excellence.

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Following the success of last year's event, the tenth anniversary ceremony will be even more magnificent to celebrate the outstanding achievements of all best value authorities that have reached the short-listed stage.

Every attending authority will be publicly recognised for their exemplary efforts in servicing the community, which is reflected in attaining short-listed status through the rigorous assessment process. The round 10 Beacons will be revealed by a senior government representative on the night amid the excitement of the celebrations.

Ministers, senior government representatives, chief executives and key personnel from local authorities together with community and third sector groups will again be among the 700 guests attending this special evening in central London, dedicated to rewarding and sharing the success achieved by Beacons and all short-listed authorities for the difference they are making in their communities.

Participating guests will have the opportunity to:

- celebrate as a team the benefits brought to the communities they serve
- network with other authorities and share best practice
- be inspired by and learn about the work of other authorities
- meet senior government representatives with team photo opportunities
- learn what lies ahead in the Beacon year

Based on delegates' feedback, guests will benefit from even more networking opportunities before, during and after the ceremony.

Independent research from the Warwick Business School identified that this high-status event presents the ideal occasion for motivating and rewarding teams and individuals for their efforts in delivering outstanding services to their local communities.

The impressive wealth of networking and team sharing opportunities coupled with a champagne reception, three course gala dinner, evening entertainment with celebrity guest and after dinner live-band disco party, makes the Beacon Awards Ceremony a must-attend event for best value authorities.

Feedback from Beacon Awards Ceremony attendees

"It was wonderful to take time out to celebrate and acknowledge the result of a lot of work. Thank you!"

"It is a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the work undertaken in the localities. Being from a non statutory organisation, it was a real celebration of partnership working."

"A good opportunity for all short-listed authorities to be praised and not just those who won the award."



Beacon authority receiving 2008 award from John Healey MP, Minister for Local Government

Authorities celebrating shortlisting status



About the Beacon Scheme

The Beacon Scheme is unique among local government award schemes. It is not only an accolade for excellence and innovation amongst authorities; it is also about sharing knowledge and experience for the benefit of everyone. Above all, it is about improving the quality of life for all citizens. This is why the Scheme is supported and praised by ministers and valued highly by the whole sector.

Quality of life for local people is shaped by the services their best value authorities offer them, from education and waste collection, through to fire fighting and crime reduction. This role brings with it a responsibility for authorities to provide the best possible customer-focused services.

Now in its tenth and biggest year, the Scheme has had to evolve and respond as the expectations of service provision by best value authorities have developed and evolved.

Ministers have selected twelve new Beacon Themes that relate to key areas for improving the quality of life for local communities and the work of local government:

- **After dark: managing the night time economy**
- **Digital inclusion**
- **Cohesive and resilient communities**
- **Homes for the future**
- **Cutting red tape**
- **Olympic Games and Paralympics Games legacy**
- **Positive engagement of older people**
- **Preventing and tackling child poverty**
- **Strategic commissioning**
- **Supporting independent living for disabled adults**
- **Raising economic prosperity through partnership**
- **Better outcomes for people and places**

As reported by Warwick Business School, the Beacon Scheme is best at delivering knowledge and process for improvement, innovation and best practice. Ninety percent of surveyed Beacons reported benefits such as higher national profile and boosting staff morale, plus motivating and sustaining further improvements.

"The most important things are the commitment of the Beacon authority to continue its own learning and the value it places on taking part in something that could make a real difference on how local authorities empower communities and improve the quality of life for residents. This is the (unique) challenge and exhilaration of working as a Beacon!"

Beacon co-ordinator, South Somerset District Council

Reserve your place at the 10th anniversary Beacon Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner 3 March 2009, QEII Centre, Westminster, London

The Beacon Awards Ceremony is a unique opportunity for you and your team to network with other best value authorities, be inspired by outstanding success and achievement and be rewarded for all your efforts.

Thanks to sponsor support, we are able to offer tickets at the subsidised price of £125 (+VAT) per person.

Each ticket includes entry to the awards ceremony, champagne reception, silver service three course dinner, evening entertainment with celebrity guest and after dinner live-band disco party.

Short-listed organisations are eligible for two free places at the event (for joint applications, the lead authority is entitled to two free places and the joint applicants are entitled to one free place each). Additional places can be purchased at the above price and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Due to high demand, please reserve your places by 1 December 2008.

Reservations:

To reserve places at this prestigious event, please book on-line by visiting

www.beaconawards.org.uk

Tables seat 10 persons.

payment:

To facilitate payment, an invoice will be issued on receipt of the booking. Alternatively, credit card payments can be accepted by calling 01772 767765.

accommodation:

For information and bookings please visit

www.beaconawards.org.uk

venue:

For information and directions please visit

http://www.qeiicc.co.uk/attending_an_event/how_to_find_us

event details and timings:

Dress code: black tie

Welcome champagne reception from 18:00

Awards ceremony from 19:30

For more information please call the event helpline on 01772 767765.

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