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Awards deadline extended as brightest stars sought for regional finance awards

Finance directors in Yorkshire now have until Friday 20 June to shine a light on young talent within their team by nominating them for the 2014 Yorkshire Rising Star Awards.

Organised by financial recruiter Sharp Consultancy with support from Grant Thornton, Gordons LLP and RBS, the awards set out to recognise and celebrate Yorkshire’s talented young professionals: high-calibre accountants, both fully and part qualified, who have made a significant contribution to the running of the finance function within their organisation.

Awards categories include companies with a turnover under £25m, over £25m, over £70m and over £150m. There is also a plc award and a category for not-for-profit organisations, as well as the coveted
Overall Rising Star award, scooped last year by Umar Khan, commercial finance manager of ghd, who also won the West/North Yorkshire over £60m turnover award.

“We are fortunate that Yorkshire has such a vibrant and long-established business community covering a diverse range of sectors from food and drink, textiles and medical to technology and construction,” said Chris Sharp, director of Sharp Consultancy. “It is vital that, whatever the industry, businesses continue to develop and nurture their finance directors of tomorrow. These awards are a great way of recognising and celebrating up-and-coming talent as well as providing valuable networking with fellow professionals at the awards ceremony.”

Previous years’ winners include finance stars from leading organisations across the region, including AESSEAL, Go Outdoors, Communisis, Asda, Bettys & Taylors, Kelda Water Services, Jet2.com, University of Bradford and Airedale NHS Foundation Trust.

The judging procedure for the awards will include an interview with a panel of judges from Sharp Consultancy, Grant Thornton, Gordons LLP and RBS. The judges will then meet to discuss the Rising Star hopefuls, with the input of an independent adjudicator. Final results will be announced at a black-tie gala dinner on Thursday 16 October at Oulton Hall.

To nominate a talented young finance professional from your team, go to the Rising Stars website at www.yorkshirerisingstars.co.uk. Nominations close on 20 June 2014.

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Photograph: Yorkshire Rising Stars Awards winners line up 2013

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