CELEBRATING
30 YEARS
OF INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION
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Being involved in the highly prestigious Offshore Achievement Awards achieves an unmatched level of brand recognition for your company in front of an audience of industry peers, however the benefits go much further than this. By supporting the Offshore Achievement Awards, you are playing a part in developing our industry’s future.

One of SPE Aberdeen’s main aims is to fund and encourage the next generation of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) inspired employees, by sparking young people’s interest in the energy industry.

From sponsorship to table bookings, income received by SPE Aberdeen will continue to be used to fund initiatives designed to inspire and energise the engineers of the future; support key industry events; boost employability; support online learning and provide financial support for students.

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The SPE Aberdeen Offshore Achievement Awards (OAA) is the biggest and longest established industry awards for the UK offshore energy sector, covering all aspects from supply to upstream operations and offshore renewables.

For thirty years, the awards have been celebrating and encouraging innovation and collaboration in the North Sea.

The awards create value, and many winners have gone on to become global heavyweights in the offshore energy sector, using their recognition at the Offshore Achievement Awards as a springboard for growth.

Not only celebrating innovation, any surplus from the event is invested in a wide range of industry initiatives designed to inspire our industry to continue evolving.

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION
Energy4Me programme
SPE Aberdeen helps fund CPD workshops on the global Energy4Me programme. SPE Aberdeen’s Schools and Careers Guidance committee includes teachers who have developed lesson plans for primary and secondary pupils based around the Energy4Me programme that have been built into the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence.

The project works in conjunction with the Satrosphere Science Centre, where the teachers spend an afternoon taking part in practical experiments and learning how to teach pupils about the energy industry in a fun and engaging way. The teachers then receive lesson plans, books and posters from SPE Aberdeen to take back to the classroom.

The next stage is for the volunteers to be trained to go into the schools to help the teachers deliver these workshops.

In conjunction with an outside organisation, SPE Aberdeen and a team of volunteers fund and run CV workshops for young people. These are aimed towards students aged 16-17 who are not going to university, helping them to write a great CV and boost their employability prospects.

Support online learning
SPE Aberdeen funded the ‘petroleum engineering’ section of the Inside Industry website, an online learning tool which provides industry advice for students and teachers. As well as investing profit from events into this initiative, SPE Aberdeen has also provided background to the petroleum engineering sector, advice on career opportunities and case studies as well as sound bites from members.

Users can find out about subjects they need to choose for various careers and SPE Aberdeen advises on where to study and what qualifications you need to be accepted to selected courses.

Financial support during student years
SPE Aberdeen provides over £20,000 each year as part of a bursary award scheme, which allows them to attend technical meetings, with the provision of transport and free entry to events.
SUPPORTING KEY INDUSTRY EVENTS

As a supporter of TechFest since 1996, SPE Aberdeen funds two workshops at the annual festival which is attended by thousands of children from across the North East. SPE Aberdeen also funds Maths in the Pipeline, showing young people how maths can be used in the ‘real world’ and industry. This is designed to engage the interest of pupils in mathematics and technical subjects, and set them on track to progress into a career in the industry.

SPE Aberdeen part-funds the annual Junior Energy Apprentice which is run biannually in conjunction with ICoTA. The competition is open to S5 and S6 pupils, with individual winners receiving iPad minis and the schools being presented with £500.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OFFSHORE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2015
HOSTED BY RACHEL RILEY

“It was a great night enjoyed by all. Already making contacts on the back of the event.”

“Everyone at our table thought it was brilliant and the entertainment was hilarious!”

“A fantastic night all round!”

“What a fun night. We’re still buzzing here!”

“We had a great night and winning one of the awards was just the icing on the cake!”

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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This year will mark the 30th Offshore Achievement Awards with the ceremony taking place at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre on Thursday 17 March 2016. Entries are open to all UK-registered companies within the oil & gas and renewables sectors.

The deadline for entries is 1 December 2015 with finalists being announced in January 2016.

As well as helping to support excellent funding initiatives, sponsoring the Offshore Achievement Awards will provide the perfect platform to show your support for the industry.

We have a variety of sponsorship packages available including Supporting Sponsorship, Award Sponsorship, Drinks Reception, Table Gifts and Entertainment. Information on all sponsorship packages can be found on the OAA website, www.spe-oaa.org

A full list of benefits and opportunities is available on the OAA website and benefits will include, but are not limited to:

> Acknowledgement of sponsorship on the OAA website, including company description, logo and link to own website
> Sponsorship acknowledgement on SPE Aberdeen website
> Sponsor status on email campaigns, tickets, promotional material distributed to a wide database of contacts
> Mention in press releases, social media announcements, etc.
> Opportunity to include quotes/case studies for use on social media and the OAA website
> Invitation to participate in the judging process
> Company logo displayed on screen throughout the evening
> References throughout awards ceremony by key presenters
> Company logo and profile in the commemorative programme given to all guests
> Table of 10 or discounts on tickets, depending on sponsorship package

Award Categories:
> EMERGING TECHNOLOGY
> THE INNOVATOR
> SAFETY INNOVATION
> ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION
> EXPORT ACHIEVEMENT
> COLLABORATION
> SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
> YOUNG PROFESSIONAL
> ABOVE AND BEYOND
> GREAT SMALL COMPANY
> GREAT LARGE COMPANY
> SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION

Entry criteria for each category can be found at www.spe-oaa.org
WHY ENTER THE OFFSHORE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS?

> Be part of this 30 year milestone prestigious event
> Unmatched level of brand recognition in front of industry peers
> Use this recognition as a springboard for growth
> Inspires the next generation to continue evolving
> Celebrate the achievements of individuals, teams or your organisation as a whole
> Take advantage of a valuable PR opportunity if you are shortlisted or become a winner, and add this accreditation to your company’s credentials
> No company too big or too small can enter

“There are lots of awards, but none are as special as the SPE OAA, which involves recognition from your peers, the highest accolade.”
Iain Hutchison, Merlin ERD (2015 Great Small Company Winner)

WEB Rigging Services won the 2013 Emerging Technology Award for its temporary underdeck access system, developed for fabric maintenance on offshore structures.

Johannah Bisset, WEB Rigging Services Founder and Managing Director, talks about why they decided to enter the award.

“We put ourselves forward for the award because the Emerging Technology category seemed to be a perfect fit for our WEB Deck system which so far had only been piloted. We were looking for a substantial break into the market and felt that industry recognition of the product would really help in achieving this.

“Everyone at WEB Rigging Services was delighted when we were announced as a finalist. We are a young company, in year seven of business and only year three of the system itself. When we saw the finalists that we were up against, and their clever, innovative products, it spoke volumes for our concept and how wide the application of the system is.

“We’re using the WEB Deck system at the moment on our biggest offshore project to date, and the Offshore Achievement Award really is a talking point. We believe it has instilled an additional level of confidence in our clients who are using the system in the introductory stages. Particularly with international clients, who we often aren’t able to meet face to face as frequently as we would like, the award has been a credential that we are able to use to show how the industry has recognised our product and its benefits.

“Whilst it was fantastic to pick up the trophy on the night in front of hundreds of industry peers, the real celebration we’re having is how the award has added to the successful roll out of our system, and will continue to do so for the long haul.”
The Offshore Achievement Awards is a celebration of success and an outstanding networking opportunity. Tables of 10 are available at £1,400 plus VAT. Individual tickets can also be purchased. Contact oaa@mearns-gill.com for further details. Highlights from last year’s awards ceremony and a list of previous finalists can be found on the OAA website www.spe-oaa.org

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SPE is a not-for-profit professional society and organises many of the Energy Industry’s foremost events, including Offshore Europe. The Society has a worldwide membership of nearly 100,000 in 118 countries. The SPE Aberdeen Section has 2,500 members and is run entirely by volunteers.

The Aberdeen Section works closely with the energy industry, Scottish universities and local schools, institutes and academia to advance learning and technical excellence in all aspects of the industry; offshore, onshore and internationally.

www.spe-uk.org/aberdeen