

DHL UK Foundation named top charity

Last night (Thursday 30 June), at an award ceremony in London, the DHL UK Foundation was announced as the winner of the Corporate Foundation award, in the first ever Business Charity Awards.

The aim of the awards, launched this year by Third Sector (the main voluntary sector magazine) and the Institute of Fundraising, is to recognise the contribution made to charity work and the voluntary sector by the UK business community and to spread knowledge of good practice and new ideas in business-charity partnerships.

Household-name companies such as First Direct, Vodafone and Sky featured on the shortlist for thirteen categories. Each entry was assessed by an independent panel of judges with skills and experience relevant to the category.

“To be named as the winning Foundation is amazing,” comments Helen Dent, Foundation manager. “This recognises the strength of our programmes and the benefits we bring to the voluntary sector.”

“We could not do our work without the support of the UK businesses of DHL and the enthusiasm and skills of individual employees. So my thanks goes out to the army of DHL fundraisers and volunteers.”

Andrews Charitable Trust, Hilton in the Community, Vodafone UK and Zurich Community Trust UK were named as runners up.

Entry was open to all companies that operate in the UK and work in partnership with registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises and campaigning groups. Work completed during the period 1 July 2008 to 31 January 2010 was eligible to enter.

For further information please go to www.businesscharityawards.com or www.dhlukfoundation.org