**NOMINATION FORM**

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| Company Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Website |  |
| Business Activity |  |
| Contact  |  |
| Position |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |
| Trading Since (mm/yyyy) |  |
| How many people do you currently employ(how many are apprentices)? |  |
| What is your annual turnover? | 15/16: £ | 16/17: £ | 17/18: £ |
| How many people were employed(how many were apprentices)? | 15/16: | 16/17: | 17/18: |

Please answer the questions below (no more than 500 words per question). Provide enough information to enable the

judging panel to form a clear picture of your organisation. Use the space below to provide a summary of the business

journey and key highlights (no more than 800 words).

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| **Developing Future Skills** | This award recognises businesses that have done the most to promote opportunities in their sector and build the skills of the workforce of the future. A business that seeks to raise aspirations and provides opportunities to young people for work experience, placements and internships by working alongside schools and further education to develop talent. Judges are seeking businesses that are helping to inform, shape and prepare a skilled workforce for our future economy.**In shortlisting Judges will consider:*** How a business has raised aspirations and ambition by promoting career opportunities in their sector
* A business which is committed to equipping our future workforce with the necessary skills and can demonstrate partnership working with educational bodies
* Support young people to develop and adapt to changing needs, helping build resilience and confidence
* Provides valuable work experience placements enabling students to gain hands on experience into ‘the world of work’
* Evidence of what those experiences have provided, future job placements, testimonials
* Innovation and creativity
* Reasons why the business is passionate about the future workforce and what makes the business stand out from the crowd.
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| Why is the business passionate about equipping the future workforce with the necessary skills in your sector?  |
| Tell us about how the business is committed to the workforce of the future? |
| Who have you worked with to raise aspirations and promote your sector and how has this been received? |
| What experience have you provided to the future workforce? Please provide evidence of outcomes/testimonials, future job placements |
| What contribution do you consider the business has made to the borough of Knowsley over the last year? E.g. The economy, workforce, residents, supply chain, education (for example working with schools, colleges, community groups, work placements, etc).Economy:Workforce:Residents: Supply Chain:Education: |
| What makes you stand out from the crowd? |

**Why Enter?**

Celebrate your business success and achievements. Entering these awards can offer many benefits for your business, including the opportunity to showcase your business and prove to your customers and suppliers how successful you are, opening doors to new opportunities. Not to mention FREE publicity.

**Who Should Enter?**

Nominations are welcome in relation to individuals and businesses based in the borough of Knowsley. Some categories are open to businesses, developers or partners who have made a significant beneficial investment in Knowsley during the last 12 months. Applicants can self-nominate or if you have been impressed by someone else’s performance and feel they deserve wider recognition you can nominate on their behalf (please check they are happy to have their name put forward).

**How to Enter**

It is free to submit a nomination to the Business Awards. Simply choose the category or categories most suitable for your business achievements (maximum 3 categories), complete the relevant nomination form/s and send via email to irene.johnson@knowsleygrowthhub.co.uk, alternatively post to Irene Johnson, Knowsley Growth Hub, 1st floor Yorkon Building, Archway Road, Huyton L36 9FB. Telephone no. 0151 443 2262. Before and after images can be included for building/refurbishment projects.

**Closing Date**

The closing date for nominations is Friday 07th September 2018.

**Confidentiality**

Financial information will be treated in the strictest of confidence and will not be disclosed to anyone, other than the panel of judges.

**Shortlist**

**Judges will consider the shortlist based on written submissions, applications need to be accurate and provide enough detail for the judges to gain an insight into the business**. Successful applicants will be informed week commencing 24th September 2018.

**Filming**

For all shortlisted companies, a short film will be produced relating to your entry. This will be showcased at the awards ceremony. By submitting a nomination you agree to be filmed as part of the awards process. Filming will commence late September/early October 2018.

**The Awards Ceremony**

The winners of each category will be announced at a prestigious dinner and awards ceremony held at the spectacular grand marquee in the grounds of Knowsley Safari Park on Thursday 22nd November 2018.