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Join the professional standards body for mediators in an evening to remember as it commemorates trail blazers and rising stars in business & workplace mediation

"The National Mediation Awards are now into their third year. Past winners have included Lloyds Bank, Marks and Spencer and DHL amongst many others. The 2014 awards promise to be our biggest and best yet. We are thrilled to welcome Michael Gibbons back as one of our judges and are already receiving numerous applications for each award category.

The awards are a celebration of the work that mediators do in organisations across the UK and beyond. The theme of this year's award is "the mediator, the unsung hero..." After all, mediators create peace, they promote dialogue and encourage reconciliation. This is a chance for us all to say thank you for your hard work and unwavering commitment to business excellence."

-PMA President, 2014

The Professional Mediators' Association is hosting the eagerly anticipated 2014 National Mediation Awards in conjunction with Executive Grapevine. The annual awards ceremony, first launched in 2012, makes a triumphant return to the UK mediation scene to celebrate excellence in workplace and business mediation.

Last year's winners:

- Mediation Scheme of the Year: Arcadia Group
- Best Newcomer to Mediation: BIS Regional Mediation Network
- Mediation Scheme Co-ordinator of the Year: Catherine Anderson (Newham Council)
- In-house Mediator of the Year: Stacey Jean-Baptiste (DHL Supply Chain)
- Independent Mediator of the Year: Dilys Lloyd
- Mediator Champion of the year: Sajjad Iqbal

The event encourages key players in dispute resolution to showcase industry trends, promote outstanding business/individual achievements in mediation and trade success stories in an ambient environment.

This year's ceremony will be held in central London on Thursday 25th September 2014 from 12.30-17.00 the precise location will be confirmed soon to attendees.

The PMA will open the event with an Annual General Meeting (AGM) between members and the PMA board. This will be followed by a conference featuring talks from various thought leaders in mediation. Nominees will be presented with their awards by a judging panel of esteemed mediation experts headed by Michael Gibbons - author of the infamous Gibbons Review (Better Dispute Resolution).Winners of the PMA Article and Video competition will also be announced on the day.

This ceremony is strictly invite only, please RSVP to be added to the guest list. The categories for nominations are still open for submissions here. ***To book a place for the event, email admin @professionalmediators.org***.

The event is free for PMA members with a £25 charge for non-members to gain entry to the conference and subsequent awards ceremony.

Guests will be treated to examples of best practice in the professional use of mediation, emerging trends, as identified by the speakers, and most importantly, they will have a rare opportunity to network with high achievers in mediation against a collegial atmosphere.

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The PMA is a non-profit membership body for business, employment and work place mediators. We provide a quality assurance framework and opportunities for professional development to all parties involved in mediation within the workplace and business.

We are run by mediators for mediators. Our definition of a professional mediator constitutes ***individuals committed to their personal development as mediators and those dedicated to the development and promotion of the mediation profession.***

The PMA has a set of clearly developed practice standards and an exacting competency framework which ensures each member's credibility. There are 4 PMA values; *Informing, Excellence, Transparency and collaboration*. Find out more about us here

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