

Mumandworking Awards Triumph at Campus London

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The mumandworking Awards for 2014 were simply a triumph. Held at the Campus London the room was full of attendees made up of winners and finalists, VIP judges, business leaders, press and special guests enjoyed an awe-inspiring, empowering and sometimes tear-jerking afternoon as company directors, employees and parent-preneurs were recognised and celebrated as shining examples of the UK's very best family-friendly, flexible working models.



Awards opened with the organisers sharing a message of support from Jo Swinson, Minister for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. As well as the being the 1st to hear the results, finalists and guests also took away with them key business tips from the VIP judges – some of the UK's top parent-preneurs – and enjoyed inspiring presentations from Host, award-winning Susannah Schofield, Author, Business Director, Entrepreneur, Motivational Speaker & mum and Alexandra Watson – leading success mentor for women and a best-selling

author as seen on the X-Factor. Delegates also received an exclusive preview of the results of 'The Gender Debate' – the largest survey yet to be held on gender in the workplace.



The esteemed judging panel included Laura Tenison – JoJoMamanBebe, Mandy Haberman – Haberman, Debbie Bird – Mode Media, Glam Family & babyworld, Ian Sharland – Baby Sensory, Sam Willoughby – What's On 4, Jessica Taylor – Liberty X and Bella & Beau and Nicky Chisholm and Sara Guiel – Mumpreneurs Networking Club. There were 11 different categories – with new [awards](#) to include the most Inspiring Working Parent, Best Working Parent Blogger and Working Celebrity Parent and the contest was hard fought after a 60% increase in nominations this year.

'I have been feeling so inspired and motivated since.. and everyone in the room was super interesting to talk to... Winning was just a dream come true- I am still giddy with joy! Thank you so much again. You have made me a very happy inspired person!'

Dai Alford of [Tatty Bumpkin](#) who won the **Most Inspiring Business Parent of the Year award** as judged by Debbie Bird and sponsored by SwimKidz



‘The mumandworking Awards really illustrated the high calibre of parents who are now delivering value to their organisations whilst enjoying the benefits of flexible working. The finalists and award winners are truly an example of mums leading the way in a new world where it is possible to be successful at work and a wonderful parent’

Ian Sharland – Baby Sensory

Headline Sponsor Availexe revealed more about their new generation of business consultancy – a perfect fit with the [awards](#) and further sponsors included Swimkidz, Bumps and Bashes, The Creation Station, Bureau Direct, Tallulah Rose Flower School, Owow Chocolates, Sophie Sheinwald Photography and My Incubator Ventures.

Media Supporters included babyworld and kids4media.



'Finalists and winners alike enjoyed a fabulous experience. The business advice shared was quite exceptional – you couldn't help but feel inspired and then at the Dice Matrix reception afterwards everyone had the chance to network and mingle over a glass or two, meet with the judges and sponsors and connect with fellow business parents. With big national names like NCT alongside start-ups and parenting bloggers, there was such a wealth of talent in one room! We can't wait to build on these foundations for 2015 event – just watch this space!'

Organiser Suzanne Borrell

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