

EXCELLENT FACILITIES AT UEC

CONFERENCE ROOM

The conference room sponsored by Lloyds TSB provides facilities to cater for various types of meetings for professional organisations, staff and tenants hosting up to 22 people around a board room table with additional chairs provided for a theatre style layout. It comes fully equipped with a state of the art interactive smart board and a data projector for power point presentations.



We provide refreshments and a buffet service on request and other equipment is available free of charge.

MEETING ROOM

A smaller room is provided holding meetings for 6-8 people, with various uses such as staff, group or 1-2-1 meetings. This is available for clients, staff and tenants.



BUSINESS UNITS

At UEC, in our magnificent state of the art four storey building, we provide fully furnished office units for new and existing businesses at affordable easy in and out terms. Units, situated on the 3rd and 4th floors, range from 130 to 425 sq ft. Each unit has telephone and internet connection and is furnished with chairs, desks and cabinets.



We operate a reserved parking facility for staff, tenants and visitors.

We benefit from on-site security with 24hour cctv in operation covering the perimeters of our site.

TRAINING ROOM

a recommended capacity of 8-12 people

CAFE

The Cafe will operate from 08:30 – 17:00 Monday to Friday, providing on-site catering facilities for students, staff, business clients and visitors. Providing a menu ranging from hot and cold snacks, breakfast and lunch with a buffet service for conference and room hire bookings. It hosts wireless internet connection.

For more information and to arrange a viewing, please contact Tariq on 01706 630140.

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A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION!

AT EM ROCHDALE BUSINESS AWARDS AND BUSINESS TO BUSINESS EXHIBITION

The Rochdale Ethnic Minority Business Support team are celebrating a successful fourth year of their Annual Business Exhibition and Awards evening. The Business Awards highlight the success of many ethnic businesses, with strong competition in all categories for the top prize.

Rochdale Town Hall was packed with exhibitors representing both the business support community and local businesses. The exhibition had been well publicised and attendance was high, with all exhibitors reporting keen interest and good contacts. Business support exhibitors included NatWest, Molesworth Bright Clegg

Solicitors, Hopwood Hall College, Lloyds TSB and Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. "We are proud to be the main sponsor of this event and to participate in the exhibition", commented Arif Aziz of NatWest, "From our point of view, it has given us a unique chance to meet with other exhibitors, to increase the profile of NatWest Bank as part of the Rochdale community and to promote our services. The day was a success on all three counts and we are already looking forward to the event next year."

Local companies exhibiting also reported brisk business – Tony Nugent of Anthony K Associates commented, "A most successful day – we have taken one firm order and

have several strong leads to follow up". Miriam and Sairah Shah of Safe Hands Recruitment and Education said, "This is our first exhibition and we believe it has raised the profile of our business in addition to generating good leads which we will now be following up".

The Business Awards Gala evening was opened by Paul Rowen, MP for Rochdale. Guest speakers were Phil Hawker, Area Director of Lloyds TSB and Baroness Sayeeda Warsi of Dewsbury, Shadow Minister for Community Cohesion. Musical entertainment was provided by Aa'shiq al Rasul.



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AND THE WINNERS ARE...



The prestigious Business of the Year Award, sponsored by Lloyds/TSB, went to Reach BCS

Aftab Ali of Reach Brand Communication Solutions has strong and focused objectives which have resulted in the business growing rapidly over the last 2 years to the point where they now employ 23 staff. Reach provide design and marketing solutions and have succeeded in building an enviable client base including Manchester City Council and the recent acquisition of a contract for a company based in Florida. Now operating in a global market place, Reach pride themselves on developing innovative and ground breaking sales and marketing campaigns.



New Business Start Up Award, sponsored by NatWest, was won by Niche Casting Agency.

Established by Shenaz Khan in May 2007, Niche Casting Agency specialises in providing ethnic artists to mainstream television and film media. There is a growing demand for ethnic artists and Niche Casting is the first agency to specialise in this area. Through professional marketing and developing networks and contacts, Shenaz has provided artists for Bollywood movies, mainstream television programmes such as Shameless and Waterloo Road and also for some TV adverts.



Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, sponsored by Hopwood Hall College, was won by Ray Younis of BMS

Ray set up BMS in June 2006 as a call centre specialising in the sale of mobile phones to both business and the general public. Initially employing 2 members of staff, the company now employs 25 and Ray's objective is to become the number one call centre in the country by this time next year. Focusing on meeting customer needs and ensuring customer satisfaction and with a strong emphasis on training and development of staff, BMS is one of the most exciting young businesses in Rochdale today.



Catering Excellence Award, sponsored by EMBF-NW, was won by Miah's Restaurant

Miah's Restaurant is a family run business which was established in 1979. Over many years, the restaurant has built a loyal customer base and prides itself on quality food and excellent customer service. A winner of the Rochdale Town Centre Best Food Award 2007, Miah's restaurant is a dining experience not to be missed.



Best Employer: Reducing Re-offending through Employment Award, sponsored by IMPACT, was won by Sahara Grill

This award is for the tremendous support and commitment demonstrated by Sahara Grill in championing the benefits of employing ex-offenders. Not only have they employed ex-offenders, they have also offered work opportunities to prisoners from Kirkham prison. They have also spoken out at conferences, taken part in a promotional video and committed themselves to the IMPACT Employment Charter pledging to continue to offer a much needed second chance to offenders to enable them to get jobs.



Business Woman of the Year Award, sponsored by Molesworth, Bright, Clegg, was won by Miriam and Sairah Shah of Safe Hands

Both Miriam and Sairah have worked hard to overcome personal and cultural barriers to set up and develop their business. They have demonstrated a strong entrepreneurial spirit and clear objectives for future business development. In addition, they have become adept at balancing their home life with work commitments. They understand that there are many challenges ahead and there is much to learn and believe that, together, they can achieve success.



Entrepreneur of the Year Award, sponsored by LSC, was won by Imtiaz Ahmed of Eye Care Optical

Imtiaz established Eye Care Optical at the heart of the Asian community in Milkstone Road in 2000. His objective was to attract members of the ethnic community who have historically neglected eye care. This has involved recruiting multi lingual and female opticians and targeting sections of the ethnic community such as women, the illiterate and young children. Staff have been recruited from the local community and the business serves a client base of over 12,000 in the local area.

The independent judging panel, consisting of Lloyds/TSB, Molesworth Bright Clegg Solicitors, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Celltek, felt that one particular business deserved special recognition for outstanding effort.. This award, sponsored by NatWest, went to:



Roti Restaurant

Aadil Hasmi opened his new restaurant in Drake Street almost 12 months ago. His objective was to capture the essence of traditional Asian food by employing Asian chefs who cooked in the style of mothers at home. Market research also indicated that family orientated followers of the Muslim faith were insistent on an alcohol free venue. Roti is therefore Rochdale's first alcohol free restaurant.

The event was summed up by Malcolm Hall of Lloyds/TSB, main sponsor of the Business Awards. "A very special evening with a true cross section of our community delighting in the success of rising stars from the EM Rochdale business community. Lloyds/TSB is proud to be associated with this prestigious event".

