

ASHLEY COMMUNITY HOUSING WINS SILVER STEVIE® AWARD IN 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AWARDS

-Winners to Be Celebrated at Gala Banquet on 23 October in Toronto, Canada-

We are pleased to announce that **Ashley Community Housing (ACH)** has won a coveted prize in the **Stevie International Business Awards**. Going up against UK-based and global organisations, Ashley Community Housing won a Silver trophy in the **'Company of the Year: Non-Profit or Government Organizations'** category.

Now in its 12th year, the Annual International Business Awards is the world's only international, all-encompassing business awards program. The 2015 IBAs received entries from more than 60 nations and territories.

"The IBAs grow in stature and renown every year, and with that the number and quality of entries increases,"

said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie Awards.

"This year's judges were treated to more than 3,700 stories of success and achievement around the world. We thank the judges for their time and feedback, and we congratulate the Gold, Silver and Bronze Stevie winners whom we'll celebrate in Toronto in October."

One of the judges said about Ashley Community Housing,

"This company provides an excellent example of how to make a true difference and create better conditions for refugees in a new country"

whilst another commented on the company's

"innovative business model addressing a real need, underpinned by strong values".

Ashley Community Housing was also recognised for its

"excellent financial growth".

Ashley Community Housing (ACH) is a long standing social enterprise whose growth from a small community organisation to a respected social business is evidence of its true commitment to developing the communities in which it operates. Alongside providing accommodation for homeless individuals, Ashley Community Housing delivers training to enable marginalised people to move towards employment and to realise a better future for themselves.

ACH are an example of how housing associations can not only incubate and develop their own social enterprises, but how the sector can do even more. Its aim is to achieve genuine scale and social impact across all services and to provide specialist culturally responsive solutions to the issues of multiple disadvantage, exclusion, isolation and mental health.

Following the announcement of winning a silver award, ACH have been entered into the 'People's Choice' Stevie Awards. If you would like to vote for Ashley Community Housing in these awards, you can do so [here](#).

The announcement of the Stevie business awards winners comes soon after Ashley Community Housing was shortlisted for the **Social Enterprise of the Year Award** in the **Lloyds Bank National Business Awards** for the second year running. The winner of this award will be revealed at the Lloyds Bank National Business Awards gala dinner held on 10 November at Park Lane's Grosvenor House Hotel in London.