

Kingdom HAS GOT THE GREEN VIBE.....



Kingdom has been recognised for its commitment to environmental excellence at Scotland's leading sustainable business awards on Thursday, 29 November.

The Association beat off stiff competition from businesses across Scotland to win the Collaboration Award at this year's VIBES 2012 awards ceremony which was held at the Glasgow Marriott Hotel.

Now in its thirteenth year, the Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) awards programme recognises the commitment, actions and achievements of Scottish companies in reducing their impact on the environment.



The VIBES Collaboration Award was supported by Co-operative Development Scotland. The Collaboration Award recognises organisations that can demonstrate, through a partnership approach, how they contribute to the environmental, economic and social aspects of sustainable development.

Kingdom works throughout East Central Scotland to provide housing to meet a wide range of needs including housing for single people, families, older people and people who have particular needs. Its entry was a collaboration between Kingdom Housing Association, which was the lead partner, and 10 preferred partners including Champion Homes Ltd, Fife Council and Green Business Fife. The project received funding of £3.5 million from the Scottish Government to provide 121 homes in the region.

Bill Banks, depute chief executive with Kingdom said: "the Housing Innovation Showcase Project tried to demonstrate how a modern approach to sustainable construction could be mainstreamed in the future and this involved working in partnership with a range of private, public and voluntary groups.

"We are therefore delighted that the project has been recognised by VIBES in the Collaboration category. I would like to thank everyone involved and all the partners should take credit for this achievement."

Gillian Bruce, VIBES chair, said: "I would like to congratulate Kingdom Housing Association Ltd on its award win. The company's hard work and dedication has made a significant contribution to Scotland achieving its 2020 carbon reduction targets. "Our judges were very impressed with their commitment to reducing the environmental impact of the business and I would encourage other businesses across the country to follow this lead."

Sarah Deas, chief executive, Co-operative Development Scotland, said: "Earlier this year we released our 'Collaboration Cuts Carbon' report. This outlined the potential for companies to help achieve the Scottish Government's 2020 energy reduction targets by working more closely together, particularly as a consortium co-operative. It's fantastic to see a Scottish business like Kingdom Housing Association Ltd reap both the environmental and financial benefits of working with a collaborative approach at such an early stage."

The VIBES awards scheme is the only Scottish awards scheme which feeds into the European Business Awards for the Environment (EBAE). Winning a VIBES Award means that companies are eligible to the EBAE, an awards scheme that attracts entries from Europe's most environmentally positive businesses.