

Media Release

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LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards Results Announced!

- **BMW scoops ‘Grand Prix’ Award for sustainable mobility vision**
- **Professor Dame Julia King recognised for outstanding contribution**

The LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards winners were announced last night at a packed gala dinner hosted by Cenex-LCV in Milton Keynes.

The BMW Group was awarded the ‘Grand Prix’ award for Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport (winner of winners) in a celebration hosted by TV personality Robert Llewellyn. Professor Dame Julia King, author of the seminal ‘King Review of Low Carbon Cars’, was recognised with a special award for outstanding individual achievement.

Best known for his role as Kryten in BBC’s Red Dwarf and presenting Channel 4’s Scrapheap Challenge, Robert Llewellyn was Master of Ceremonies, presenting the Awards with nearly 300 industry peers and low carbon transport stakeholders in attendance.

The LowCVP Managing Director Andy Eastlake said about the Awards: “These Awards recognise best practice, and outstanding leadership and innovation in cutting carbon from vehicles and fuels, as well as through other means.

“This year we had more, and higher quality, entries than ever before showing just how far and fast the whole low carbon road transport industry is now progressing, and how many individual stakeholders are contributing to the change.”

BMW was the winner of the prestigious Low Carbon Car / Van Manufacturer of the Year. The entry impressed the judges as it showed the company’s commitment to a visionary new approach to sustainable mobility and also to cutting the environmental impacts of production. The ‘i’ range of vehicles bring Ultra Low Emission Vehicles to a wider range of customers than ever before.

BYD Europe B.V. was the winner of the Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year Award. The judges said that the vehicles introduced have demonstrated impressive carbon saving through their innovative electric powertrain systems and, moreover, provide a compelling business case with high market growth potential.

The judging panel comprised 22 senior executives from across the range of organisations with a stake in the low carbon road transport agenda. Around 25 entries were shortlisted for awards.

One of the judges, Philip Sellwood, Chief Executive of the Energy Saving Trust, said: “The road transport sector has been a real success story in terms of cutting carbon as well as delivering growth and dynamism to the UK economy. I was delighted to play a part in celebrating the successes of the entrants to these awards who are making an important contribution to current, and future, UK economic success.”

PICTURES FROM THE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE [HERE](#).

Full list of awards

'Grand Prix Award': Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport (Winner of winners)

BMW Group

Outstanding Individual in Promoting Low Carbon Transport

Professor Dame Julia King

Low Carbon Car /Van Manufacturer of the Year

BMW Group - Winner

Tesla Motors Ltd – Runner up

Nissan Motor GB – Highly commended

Mitsubishi Motors in the UK – Highly commended

Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year

BYD Europe B.V. - Winner

Iveco UK Ltd – Highly commended

Wrightbus – Highly commended

Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year

Reading Buses – Winner

Tesco - Runner up

Eddie Stobart Ltd - Highly Commended

Low Carbon Fuel Initiative of the Year

Gasrec Ltd – Winner

Commercial Group and the London Hydrogen Network Expansion (LHNE) - Runner Up

Gas Bus Alliance - Highly Commended

2014 Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME

Celtic Renewables Ltd – Winner

Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year (Joint Winners)

Eco Travel Network (ETN) - joint winners

Transport & Environment (T&E) - joint winners

Milton Keynes Council - Highly Commended

2014 Outstanding Low Carbon Publication or Report

Cambridge Econometrics – Winner

Electric Vehicles Initiative (EVI) and International Energy Agency (IEA) - Highly commended

Transport & Environment with Malcolm Fergusson - Highly commended

Category Winners**Low Carbon Car / Van Manufacturer of the Year** (Sponsor: EDF Energy)

BMW Group (Winner)

The judges said: BMW i is redefining personal mobility, introducing innovative, purpose-built vehicles embodying sustainability. The company's approach includes a substantial reduction in environmental impacts across the entire value chain and the introduction of innovative mobility services.

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Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year (Sponsor: Michelin)

BYD Europe B.V. (Winner)

The judges said: Backed by a wealth of international experience, BYD Europe's vehicles demonstrate a real business case for their adoption and market growth potential. The very high reliability of the new powertrain system has been demonstrated, providing a flexible approach to electric charging.

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Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year (Sponsor: Gas Bus Alliance)

Reading Buses (Winner)

The judges said: Reading Buses' was a particularly impressive entry demonstrating how the use of gas buses has brought additional benefits through reduced air pollution emissions and noise. The company have made further commitments to lower the environmental impact of their day-to-day operation including initiatives to reduce energy consumption and waste generation.

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Low Carbon Fuel Initiative of the Year (Sponsor: IMechE)

Gasrec Ltd (Winner)

The judges said that Gasrec's 85% growth in biomethane sales over 18 months is highly impressive. They have a scale of operation that is of national significance in helping to decarbonise the freight sector in the UK. They have brought together a highly influential industry group to disseminate results and galvanise action. Their efforts on driver and safety training also impressed the judges.

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2014 Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME (Sponsor: Transport Systems Catapult)

Celtic Renewables (Winner)

The judges said: Celtic Renewables' practice of turning industrial waste into biofuel, solvents and animal feed is an excellent example of an environmentally and commercially sustainable business model. They have taken known technology and adapted it to current market conditions, attracting the investment and partners required to scale up to industrial production.

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Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year (Sponsor: Transport Scotland)

Eco Travel Network and Transport & Environment (T&E) (Joint winners)

The judges said that T&E submitted an impressive entry demonstrating an innovative approach to influencing European car CO2 regulations through evidence-based research and strong campaigning activities.

They said that the Eco Travel Network is providing a cost effective way of enabling individuals to gain first-hand experience in using electric vehicles via a car hire service and demonstrating how electric vehicles can be deployed in rural communities.

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Low Carbon Publication or Report of the Year (Sponsor: Northwest Automotive Alliance)

Cambridge Econometrics (Winner)

The judges said: This was an extremely competitive and hard fought category. Cambridge Econometrics prepared a very thorough, authoritative, high quality report; very good macroeconomic analysis which gave a holistic overview. The report sheds new light on how Europe's economy could be strengthened by using low carbon vehicle technologies to reduce spending on oil imports.

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Outstanding Individual in Promoting Lower Carbon Transport (Sponsor: Bosch Group)

Professor Dame Julia King, Vice Chancellor, Aston University (Winner)

The judges said: Julia King is being recognised for her extensive contribution to cutting carbon from road transport. A member of the Committee on Climate Change, she has been appointed to a whole range of governmental and academic positions which have helped define the UK's policies towards low carbon vehicles. She was author of the landmark 'King Review of Low Carbon Cars' and has also been a powerful advocate both for engineering education and the potential for women in engineering.

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'Grand Prix' Award: Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport (Sponsor: Millbrook)

BMW Group (Winner)

The judges said: The introduction of BMW's i3 and now i8 models have arguably changed the landscape in terms of plug-in vehicles and their operation.

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Background information

The Low Carbon Champions Awards were established in 2010. The Awards – now in their fourth edition - are an initiative of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP); a public-private partnership that exists to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. Nearly 200 organisations are engaged from diverse backgrounds including government, automotive and fuel supply chains, vehicle users, academics, environment groups and wider society. lowcvp.org.uk

For more details on the Awards categories see: www.lowcvp.org.uk/lowcarbonchampions

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