

Press release

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Hackney Homes female carpenter wins national housing award

The “unsung heroes” of the housing world were honoured at a glittering awards ceremony in London, hosted by Michael Portillo.

Callie Duncan was the winner of the Frontline Service Individual of the Year Award, beating stiff competition from around the country. Hackney Homes Estate Environment Services were also shortlisted in the Customer Services Team of the Year category, making it down to the last six.

The lunchtime awards ceremony was organised by *Inside Housing* and the Chartered Institute of Housing and was attended by more than 700 people from right across the UK.

Hackney Homes Chief Executive, Charlotte Graves said: “We are so pleased that Callie and our estate cleaners and gardeners recognised in this way. The hard work that they do on estates everyday does not go unnoticed by local people and this is a testament to that”.

The Editor of *Inside Housing*, Stuart Macdonald, said: “I was amazed by the number of entries we received – over 300 – and the overall calibre. The standard was really high and I was amazed at the compassion and commitment shown by our winners.”

The event was sponsored by Campbell Tickell, Insight, CSCS and Tribal and supported by a number of other leading organisations from across the housing sector.

The judges included some the most respected people in the industry, including Roy Irwin, the Chief Inspector of Housing at the Audit Commission, Elizabeth Sealey from the Communities & Local Government department, Imelda McGrath from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the head of social housing finance at Barclays, Steve Amos.

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Notes to Editors

- Additional pictures are available on request.

- For more information about the awards visit Inside Housing's website – www.insidehousing.co.uk. By clicking on the Events section you should be able to find more details of the judges, sponsors, pictures and details of all the other finalists shortlisted for the various awards. Or call Michele Lewis on 02476 571031, or Ted Stevens on 07860 336087.