Section 2

Please answer question 1 from your chosen category

Please answer question 2 from your chosen category

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Entry Form

The Rio Tinto Alcan Wansbeck Business Awards are the annual business awards presented by Wansbeck Business Forum and its Principal Sponsors with support from leading companies and organisations in the area. Winning a Rio Tinto Alcan Wansbeck Business Award will give prestigious and valuable recognition of your company's excellence.

Guidelines

- Your business may submit an entry for one or all of the listed categories
- Your business must be based in Wansbeck
- You must be a commercially-viable trading company with profit/reserve aims
- Answer questions in section 1 (opposite), then the two questions from the category you are entering in section 2 (overleaf)
- If you are entering an award in more than one category, please answer the category questions on a seperate sheet for each additional award category.
- Shortlisted finalists will be asked to provide financial information which will be treated in the strictest of confidence

Categories Please tick a box in which category(ies) you would like to enter

☐ **Business of the Year**

For outstanding business achievements and commitment to Wansbeck
1. Please tell us about your businesses key acievements?
2. Why is it good to do business in Wansbeck?

☐ **New Business of the Year**

For new business that has been trading for no longer than 36 months
1. Why did you choose to start up in Wansbeck?
2. What are the main challenges you have overcome in starting your business?

☐ **Young Entrepreneur of the Year**

For entrepreneur's up to 30 years old
1. What do you think makes a successful entreprenuer?
2. Why did you decide to start your business

☐ **Educational Project**

For a specific project that has contributed to entrepreneurial activity.
1. Please tell us about the main objective of the project and who was involved.
2. Tell us why the project was particularly successful.

☐ **Technology Award**

For the use of, or advancement in technology
1. What technology advancements has your business made?
2. How have you used technology to benefit your business?

☐ **Exporter of the Year**

For businesses who have used an export market to make a significant impact on their business.
1.Tell us how you have utilised an export market strategy to change your company?
2.What have been the biggest hurdles to overcome in that market and how did you deal with them?

☐ **Employer of the Year**

Employer of the year entries must have at least one employee (not a partner or director of company)
1. Give us some key examples of how you are a good employer?
2. Why does your company feel it is important to be a good employer?

☐ **Best Incubation Award**

For the most impressive business that has progressed through the Wansbeck Enterprise incubation scheme
1. Tell us about the challenges you have faced in the early period of your business and how you have overcome them.
2. How have you been able to make best use of the incubation scheme to establish your business?

☐ **Corporate Responsibility Award**

For the business that has demonstrated initiative in delivering a duty of responsibility in the course of their work.
1. Tell us the specifics of the special attention you have given to this aspect of your business
2. How have you sourced support from others in delivering this service and what difficulties have you faced and overcome?

☐ **Environmental Award**

For the business that has made the most significant environmental contribution and if appropriate, how this sits alongside the ISO14000 standard.
1. What drives you to making such a positive contribution and how have you delivered it?
2. What have been the financial implications and benefits of your project ?

Please supply the following information:

Name _____
Position _____
Company name _____
Company address _____
_____
Telephone number _____
E-mail _____
Number of employees _____
Date established _____
Company status i.e. Sole trader, Ltd. _____

Section 1

1.1 Please describe your business (100 words max)

1.2 Please detail any expansion, growth, product or market developments your business has made recently (100 words max)

1.3 Tell us why you feel your business deserves this award (100 words max)