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**Charity of the Year**

**Stage 2 Interview Dates: 17th & 24th September 2025**

**Criteria**

* *Open to all charities, not for profits and CICs with charitable status . For those outside of third sector, who still try to make a positive impact in the Doncaster area, we do have a separate “Local Impact of the Year” award.*
* *Financials must be completed for your entry to be put forward for stage 1 judging. Should there be any discrepancies in your financials please ensure to explain in your answer.*
* *Entries must have a Doncaster focus in particularly references your business has had on the area or community.*
* *Max word count for scored question of 1000 words.*
* *Entrants may provide a maximum of 3 pieces of evidence to support their submission. Evidence must consist of images only i.e. charts/pictures. Entrants may be asked for additional information, including evidence of financial information, at the interview stage (Stage 2).*
* *All completed entry forms must be returned back to* [*awards@doncaster-chamber.co.uk*](mailto:awards@doncaster-chamber.co.uk) *by Sunday 8th June 2025.*
* *Please ensure to block stage 2 interview dates out in your diary should they be needed as they cannot be moved or changed to an alternative.*
* *Stage 2 judging visits will take place at your premises listed below. If you do not have an alternative you will be required to find a room where this can be held.*
* *Maximum 3 categories per company can be entered.*
* *All entries will be screened prior to stage 1 and entries with no financial data or limited word counts will not be put forward.*

**Guidance**

* Describe the vision and performance of the Charity.
* Detail how the charity been effective in raising awareness of a particular issue. Make sure to give concrete examples of your effectiveness, whether that’s by showing how far you have managed to amplify your message, the people that you have reached or the publicity that you have attracted for your cause.
* Explain how you have used innovative ways of fundraising for your organisation.
* Clearly explain how the charity developed strong and effective partnerships with a range of stakeholders and how these partnerships are mutually beneficial including what has been achieved through them, and how they have been maintained.
* Detail what contribution has the charity made to Doncaster’s people and communities. Include would be: stories or case studies that showcase the human side of your work; statistics that measure how effective you have been in carrying out your mission; and any major milestones or achievements from the past twelve months.



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**Company Information**

Company Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Number:

Email:

Address for Stage 2 Interview Visit if Required:

How many employees does you company employ (full time equivalent):

**Please briefly tell us about your business to provide the judges with some context for your answers. Here, you may want to reference your sector, main business activities, competitors, products and services.** (Max. 400 words, unscored)

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|  | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 (Projected) |
| Turnover |  |  |  |
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Should you win in your category, we will play a song of your choice as you walk up on stage to collect your award. Please list your first and second choices below. Doncaster Chamber reserves the right to change any song. If no track is selected, Doncaster Chamber will allocate a song on your behalf.

**First Choice Second Choice**

**Why do you think your organisation deserves to win this award? (Max 1000 words)**

