



Jeff Green **has been nominated for the Excellence in Diversity Awards 2016**

ONE of the UK's most anticipated diversity awards celebrations has opened its nominations for the 2016 ceremony.

Jeff Green **has been nominated for the** Lifetime Achiever Award.

A host of diversity leaders will gather to honour British Diversity at the ceremony, set to take place on May 12, to celebrate the phenomenal achievements of those who have demonstrated their outstanding devotion to diversity, equality and inclusion.

Designed to highlight employers tackling issues internally and externally, Britain's diverse talent will be showcased in a celebration of equality champions.

"I am so pleased and excited to be nominated for over 30 years of promoting people from all areas of society and hopefully acting as a role model in the period since to make sure minorities saw the art of the possible."

The awards have led the way in commending the exceptional contribution to the workplace made by inclusive companies and pioneering employees.

With the increasing richness of diversity in Britain, the Excellence in Diversity Awards recognise employers that unite workforces and challenge discrimination, applauding those for their fight against inequality.

Headed by the Diversity Group and supported by the likes of ITV, PwC and The Co-operative Group, the ceremony has broke ground in recognising true inclusion across charity, public, private, education and housing sectors.

Paul Sesay, CEO of the Excellence in Diversity Awards said, "*There is still a lot of work to be done on the grounds of equality, across all protected characteristics*". Said Mr Sesay.

"But there is also outstanding work being carried out across the country to make a change, and ensure that companies reflect the market place they serve. We are thrilled to showcase those that celebrate diversity throughout the whole ethos of their corporation".

The event is definitely one to mark down on your calendar and provides recognition for excellence regardless of age, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, faith, religion and culture.

Mark Shrimpton, Equality Advisor for Disability Rights UK and Disability Member of the First-tier Tribunal at UK Ministry of Justice, said "In a fractured society, during troubled times and with austerity biting us from behind, the need for diverse practice becomes ever more important. The law defines a host of so called protected characteristics. But, ultimately, inclusion affects us all. By excluding people because of their identity or background we lose skills. We lose talent. And we lose productivity and profit".

He continued "*Significant numbers of firms are practising inclusion as a routine event and are reaping the rewards. They are leaders in their field - not the diversity pitch, but the business stadia in which they play, and win. They aren't just ticking a CSR box or following a moral code, important as they may be. They are capturing the diverse talents of the wonderful population of Great Britain and becoming more competitive as a result. The EiDA's are a supreme opportunity to celebrate and market this work. I urge you nominate your EiDA champions and promote your excellence.*"

You can nominate for a Diverse Company, Diversity Champion, Diversity Marketing Campaign, Head of Diversity & Inclusion, Best Diversity Resource, Outstanding Diversity Network, and Employee of the Year and Lifetime Achiever.

To nominate and vote for Jeff Green please visit www.excellenceindiversity.co.uk/lifetime-achiever