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News story: 50 employers awarded gold for supporting the armed forces

The 'Gold Awards' awards announced by the MOD today are for businesses and organisations who have shown outstanding support for the military community and the Armed Forces Covenant.

Employers have won awards for initiatives such as employing veterans, supporting individuals transitioning out of the armed forces into a new career, and providing flexibility for reservists.

Now in its fifth year, the MOD's Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Awards represent the highest badge of honour available to those that employ and support those who serve, veterans, and their families.

The 50 winners have been recognised for their long-term commitment to the armed forces, with organisations from the public and private sector achieving the top grade. Each has signed the Armed Forces Covenant, and where possible, engages with the MOD's Career Transition Partnership (CTP) to promote the recruitment of service leavers, as well as honouring individual pledges of support.

Minister for Defence People and Veterans Tobias Ellwood said:

The breadth and diversity of this year's winners shows how business support for the armed forces continues to flourish. Their commitment is a testament to the fantastic contribution our serving personnel, veterans and their families can make to any organisation.

We all have a role to play in ensuring that the armed forces community is not disadvantaged by service, and each of these employers is a setting an example as meaningful advocates for those protecting the nation.

The 2018 Employer Recognition Scheme Gold award winners are:

1. Alexander Mann Solutions
2. Amey
3. Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

4. BNY Mellon
5. C S Hodges
6. Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
7. City of London Corporation
8. City of Wolverhampton Council
9. Compass Group UK and Ireland
10. Defence Medical Welfare Service
11. Dumfries and Galloway Council
12. Durham County Council
13. East of England Ambulance Service
14. Ernst & Young (EY)
15. Forward Assist Veterans Charity
16. Future Sales Factory
17. Handy Heroes
18. ITI Network Services Ltd
19. James McVicar Printing Works
20. Kent County Council
21. Landmarc Support Services Ltd
22. Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust

23. Leonardo
24. Lloyd's of London
25. London Borough of Wandsworth (Wandsworth Council)
26. London Southbank University
27. MBDA UK
28. Newcastle City Council
29. Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
30. NHS Hastings and Rother CCG and NHS Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG
31. NHS Orkney
32. Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
33. Northumberland County Council
34. Portsmouth City Council
35. Raytheon Systems Limited
36. The Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
37. Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Trust
38. Sage
39. SaluteMyJob
40. SGN
41. SkillForce

42. South Tyneside Council

43. Sovini

44. Standard Life Aberdeen Plc

45. Stoll

46. Swansea Council

47. University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

48. University of Lincoln

49. University of South Wales

50. WYG

Press release: Parole Board CEO speech at “Parole: Law Policy and Practice in 2018”

Martin Jones, CEO of the Parole Board, gave a speech at “Parole: Law, Policy and Practice in 2018”, an event hosted by Cambridge University on 2 July 2018.

PDF, 363KB, 5 pages

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His speech, “Improving independence, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness”, focussed on how the Parole Board has changed since it started in 1968, where the Parole Board is today, and where it should be aiming to be

in the future.

He recognised that statistics are not enough on their own to give the public confidence in the Parole Board, despite another record breaking year in 2017/18:

“Looking forward we want to be more transparent than ever before; about our decision making; our performance and areas where we need to improve.”

His speech was part of an event co-hosted by the Centre for Criminal Justice and Centre for Public Law to discuss the [Ministry of Justice public consultation into the law, policy and procedure relating to parole](#).

News story: Government Legal Department donates thousands of legal books to charity

Books from GLD’s library have made their way across the globe to Kenya, after being donated to the charity Book Aid International.

Over the last 9 months, 3,500 volumes of legal materials have been sent to the charity. The donated books are no longer needed by Government Lawyers as they have been superseded by new online versions via subscription services.

Commenting on the donation, Treasury Solicitor Jonathan Jones said:

I am very pleased that our legal books have been sent in to such a worthwhile charity, and they have been put to good use thousands of miles away.

We’ve also sent other books and journals to the Supreme Court, Royal Courts of Justice and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office library. I am glad that we are able to share our knowledge base with law students and those who just want to know more about law, around the world.

Giorgia Cerruti the Book Provision Manager for Book Aid International said:

We so often get requests for law books, and do not receive enough donations to cater for the high demand, so GLD’s donations are really vital for so many of our partners.

The books are amazing! The Kenya National Library Service is

opening a new central library branch, and these books will be great to help start a legal section there. So as you see, we'll put them to very good use!

Book Aid International work with partners around the world, to ensure that books reach the communities who have the greatest difficulty accessing reading material. In 2017, the charity sent books to 20 countries – including South Sudan, Sierre Leone, and Syrian refugees in Lebanon among others. GLD have worked with Book Aid International since 2005.