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Challenge Wales wins at the South Wales Business Growth Awards

Award-winning charity Challenge Wales, Wales' Tall Ship has picked up a top award at the South Wales Business Growth Awards 2017 in Cardiff in the People Development category.

The South Wales Business Growth Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding achievement across several key areas of business growth and Challenge Wales was announced as a finalist in two categories: Innovation and People Development.

At the awards evening, the Challenge Wales charity went on to win the People Development Category. The award recognises the businesses who put their people at the heart of everything they do, enabling and inspiring their team through professional and personal development opportunities and support.

Vicky Williams, Trustee said: Winning the award is a great achievement and was a fantastic surprise. Although the core aim of the charity is to develop young people and improve their employment prospects through skills development and confidence building activities, alongside this we have a volunteer training programme and we are developing their skills as well. So whether a volunteer or a young person we are developing teamwork and leadership skills, communication skills and self-confidence which are important at any age. An increase in funding specifically for volunteer training has definatley helped towards winning this award and getting this recognition.

Less than 48 hours after winning the award, Challenge Wales departed Penarth for her first residential voyage of the season, with young people, sailing just under 400 miles to the South Coast.

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Picture Caption: Vicky Williams and Andy Hall from Challenge Wales receiving the award.

Challenge Wales

Challenge Wales is a 72-foot round-the-world yacht that sailed twice around the world and is now based in Penarth, as Wales' largest sail training vessel and Wales' Tall Ship. Those onboard get involved in all aspects of sailing the boat, from helming and navigating, hoisting the sails to preparing meals and no sailing experience is required to take part. In January 2017 the charity won "UK Sail Training Vessel of the Year".

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