

One Vision Housing named Best Workplace in the UK

Merseyside-based **One Vision Housing** has cemented its place as one of the country's leading employers with a prestigious national award.



The social landlord, part of the **Sovini Group**, was named *Best Workplace 2014* by the **Great Place to Work** organisation. One Vision Housing was ranked first among medium sized businesses (50 – 499 employees) at the special ceremony, which took place at The Montcalm at The Brewery, London City, on Tuesday.

The award was made all the more impressive by the fact there was a record number of entrants in the category. Great Place to Work said it was “a significant achievement” that One Vision Housing had topped the category in their first year of participation.

The social landlord, which serves communities across Sefton, Merseyside, was competing against companies throughout the UK and across all sectors, including commercial enterprises. One Vision Housing was among prestigious company, with global multinationals including Microsoft and eBay also competing.

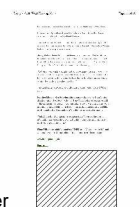
One Vision Housing was also named as the best company for delivering excellence in wellbeing, as further recognition as a great place to work. In total they took three awards at the ceremony.

Roy Williams, chief executive of One Vision Housing, said: “We’re delighted to have been recognised as the Number One place to work in the UK. We were competing against a number of well-known commercial brands in the Great Workplaces UK Final, so it’s certainly flattering to be singled out as the leading employer.

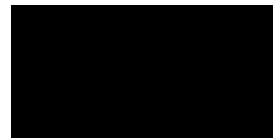
“It was also pleasing to see so many social landlords shortlisted, showing that we’re continuing to achieve great things; notwithstanding the current political and economic pressures.

“All of the senior team here at One Vision Housing recognise that we only achieve what we do through the dedication and support of our amazing people. We touch thousands of lives on a daily basis, so it’s important that we have empowered and engaged staff that can make a difference to the people in our communities.”

Tom O’Byrne, chief executive of Great Place to Work, added: “We are delighted at One Vision Housing’s success in this year’s Best Workplace awards. Not only did they walk off with top spot in the medium category, they also won two special awards – Excellence in Wellbeing and Excellence in Employee Voice.



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“What makes their success even more remarkable is that this was achieved in their first year of taking part in the Best Workplaces Programme. It is clear the management – and particularly the CEO - have the trust and respect of employees, which is critical to creating the kind of workplace culture that drives success.”

In 2012 and 2013 One Vision Housing became the first organisation to consecutively be ranked Number One in the Sunday Times List of Top 100 Companies to Work For.

In 2013, One Vision Housing won the British Quality Foundation's UK Excellence Award and will discover this summer whether they have been awarded the European Excellence Award, one of the most prominent accolades that can be awarded to any company.

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