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Andrew Neilson wins Young Banker of the Year Award with proposal to help customers lower their risk of fraud

Andrew Neilson from NatWest has been named the 2022 UK Young Banker of the Year during the final of the competition held at London's Mansion House on 21st March.

Launched in 1987 by the Chartered Banker Institute, the awards recognise and reward those individuals who reflect the qualities of customer-focused, ethical professionalism promoted by the Institute and expected by society.

This year, Young Bankers from around the UK were asked to present an idea they could develop in their organisation that could improve outcomes for customers, colleagues, and communities, reflecting their vision for the future of the banking profession, whilst being consistent with the ethos of the Chartered Banker Institute and the UN Principles for Responsible Banking. The winner of the competition is presented with a trophy, £1000 in prize money, plus £1000 for a charity of their choice.

After scooping this year's title, Andrew Neilson commented:

"I am forever grateful for the opportunity and platform this competition has given me to help raise awareness of fraud and scams. Fraud is now the number one crime in the UK and raising awareness of it is one of the most effective ways to defeat this crime. I've learned so much and developed throughout the process. Every candidate in the final has an incredible idea and it can't be underestimated how positive the impact this competition has on the banking industry and wider society."

This year's winner was announced by Sheriff and Alderman Alastair King, who commented:

"The Young Banker of the Year competition is a fantastic showcase of young talent in the banking sector - highlighting the latest thinking on responsible and sustainable banking from the people who'll support the City's success in the years to come."

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"In what is a time of great change and challenge for the nation, we need to ensure young people from all backgrounds reach their potential. A huge congratulations to Andrew and all the finalists - I hope they keep testing their ideas and pushing boundaries."

Simon Thompson, Chief Executive of the Chartered Banker Institute, added:

"All four finalists personified the ethical and professional ethos of the Chartered Banker Institute and the values underpinning the UN Principles for Responsible Banking, Congratulations to Andrew, our Young Banker of the Year, and to all our finalists for presenting their ideas for aligning banking with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The future of banking is in safe hands, led by our Young Bankers!"

An Audience prize for the candidate who, in the opinion of the attendees, best personified the high, professional standards expected of bankers through their presentation was also awarded by David May, Vice-Chair of the Chartered Banker Institute. **The winner of this year's audience prize was Dee Korab from HSBC UK, who said:**

"I am thrilled to receive the Audience prize. I want to thank the Chartered Banker Institute for providing a platform for younger bankers to speak about issues and ideas that are meaningful to us. For me, a matter of enormous importance is mobilizing private capital, including banks, to fund the transition to a low-carbon economy. I'm excited to lead the discussion and, hopefully, contribute to the solution."

David May, Vice-Chair of the Chartered Banker Institute further added:

"Each year I am inspired by all the entries we receive to the Young Banker of the Year competition and what has struck me most is the passion for the customers, communities and broader society that permeates each Young Banker's submission and this evening's finalists are exemplars of such compassionate ideas. At the heart of the Chartered Banker Institute is a strong sense of education, responsibility, curiosity, learning, community and for me, hearing our finalists presentations - renewal. I would like to congratulate all of them. I had the great pleasure in presenting the Audience Prize to Dee Korab and would add my congratulations to Andrew on becoming, the 2022 Chartered Banker Young Banker of the Year."

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Notes to Editors:

1. The four contestants chosen to participate in the final had their ideas tested and judged by a panel of industry experts comprising Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, Investment Monitor; Sheriff and Alderman, Alistair King; David May, Vice-President, Chartered Banker Institute, and Silvia Pavoni, founding editor of Sustainable Views.
2. The search for the 2022 Young Banker of the Year commenced at the beginning of 2022 when the Chartered Banker Institute invited nominations from its 30,000 members and from a wide range of senior industry figures from across the global banking industry. The response revealed a wide range of excellent candidates representing a diverse range of banks. The competition is, in many cases, career changing for participants. Their ideas are often taken up by their institution and implemented, with important benefits for the banking sector and society more generally. Our Young Banker competition celebrates the values that a successful, sustainable banking profession must be built on; values that are shared and inculcated by the Chartered Banker Institute.
3. Nominations for The Chartered Banker Institute's UK Young Banker of the Year 2023 have also opened today. Please see www.charteredbanker.com/youngbanker for more information.

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