



SCOTTISH WIDOWS



Women in Public Life Awards 2011

**Women in Public Life Awards 2011 Launched
Nominations sought from across the UK**

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On Tuesday 8 March nominations will open for the *Scottish Widows & Dods Women in Public Life Awards 2011*.

The Awards, now in their fifth year, celebrate women leaders in society and seek to recognise and promote the work of women in politics, business, the civil service and community leadership. Scottish Widows & Dods are seeking nominations for the 2011 awards from across society.

Jacqui Kennedy OBE, Director of Regulatory Services at Birmingham City Council and winner of the 2010 Local Government Personality of the Year award said:

“When it was announced that I was awarded the Women in Public Life Award I was shocked, surprised and very humbled! However it gave me an amazing confidence boost and great pride in what I, and Birmingham City council, had achieved to receive the prestigious award and receive such national recognition.”

Susan McDonald, Head of Media Relations at Scottish Widows said:

“Scottish Widows is delighted to support the fifth annual Women in Public Life Awards. This year’s awards come at a time when demand for the judgement, skills and ambition that women bring to the UK’s top companies and public sector organisations is higher than ever.”

Kevin Sorkin, Managing Director at Dods Government said:

“It’s an honour for Dods to be organisers of these awards. Each year we are put in the privileged position of seeing a wealth of fantastic nominations celebrating successful and inspiring women in a wide range of sectors.”

Nominations are sought in the following ten award categories:

- **Local Government Personality of the Year**
- **Devolved Parliament or Assembly Member of the Year**
- **Peer of the Year**
- **Public Affairs Achiever of the Year**
- **Voluntary Sector Achiever of the Year**
- **Businesswoman of the Year**

- **Journalist of the Year**
- **Public Servant of the Year**
- **MP of the Year**
- **Sportswoman or Team of the Year**

Nominations are now open to all and close on **Friday, 6 May** when the managing editors of the House Magazine, Civil Service World and Public Affairs News will select the shortlist.

The shortlist will be published on 6 June 2011 after which our judging panel will select the award winners.

This year we are introducing two new awards -

- The **People's Choice Award** will be voted on by the Parliamentarians and lobby journalists.
- To commemorate the *Scottish Widows & Dods Women in Public Life Awards* being in the fifth year we will also be giving a special **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

The winners will be announced at an awards reception to be held at a prestigious London venue in September 2011.

To nominate please visit www.womeninpubliclifeawards.co.uk

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Notes for Editors

Dods and Scottish Widows are holding the Women in Public Life Awards to celebrate women leaders in society and seek to recognise and promote the work of women in politics, business, the civil service and community leadership.

The awards provide an opportunity to celebrate women leaders in society who can act as role models to encourage more women to take an interest in self development, leadership and participating positively in our democratic process and communities.