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Grant for WANdisco

WANdisco
secures
£500K
funding for
expansion in
Sheffield



Above: David Richards

Sheffield firm wins Health Care Award

SHEFFIELD-based firm Trulife scooped the Award for Excellence in Orthotics at the British Healthcare Trade Association (BHTA) awards.

The company - a global manufacturer of orthopaedic, prosthetic and physical rehabilitation products - is among a handful of walking aid manufacturers still operating in the UK.

General Manager Kay Purnell said: "We feel very proud to have accepted the award for excellence in the field of orthotics. And of course the award belongs to each and every one of the team who makes Trulife what it is today."



BHTA award. Trulife Commercial manager Ian Leddy, left, with Baroness Sue Campbell, Ade Adepitan and Trulife General Manager Kay Purnell

Team spirit award

PEOPLE power has paid off for Sheffield company New Start Publishing Ltd after it took the 'Team of the Year' title at a national awards ceremony.

Judges in the Independent Publisher Awards paid tribute to the 'genuine engagement' and 'commitment' of what it called an 'exemplary team.'

The Independent Publisher Awards recognise and reward the dynamic contribution and entrepreneurial spirit of independent publishers with a turnover of £7 million or below.

New Start Publishing produces the regeneration and social enterprise magazine New Start, as well as running its own events, providing contract publishing and design services and organising events on behalf of clients.

The national magazine was established in 1999 as the toolkit for practitioners working in regeneration, economic development and sustainable communities and re-launched in January this year, following a redesign and switch from weekly to monthly.

Now in its sixth year, the Independent Publisher Awards pitched the Sheffield company against titles and brands including B2B Marketing, Communicate and Morrisons Magazine online.

New Start also made the grade as a finalist in two further categories at the awards - Re-launch of the year and Editor of the year for Austin Macauley.



Daniel Wilkinson from sponsors Jellyfish, New Start MD Jamie Veitch and editor Austin Macauley and awards compere James Caan

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SOFTWARE company WANdisco has been awarded a £504,000 grant to part-fund hiring and expansion plans for its European Head office in Sheffield. The grant was awarded with support from the city's economic development company Creativesheffield, through the Grant for Business Investment (GBI) scheme which provides capital grants to businesses to support sustainable investment in England.

WANdisco, based in the Electric Works building, plans to expand its workforce five-fold, creating 40 high-quality creative and digital jobs in Sheffield, following the company's move to the city last year.

WANdisco Chief Executive David Richards said: "We relocated from London last year because it was expensive and had poor infrastructure. We chose Sheffield because of its fantastic facilities, high-quality workforce and excellent universities.

"Our original plan was to split our operation between Sheffield and India, but we have been so impressed with what Sheffield has to offer and how cost-effective it has been for us that we've decided to make it the sole base for our European headquarters.

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WANdisco is a leading provider of distributed software development solutions used by Fortune Global 1000 companies

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such as BT, Dell, Cisco, Honda, NTT and Motorola. WANdisco's unique replication technology allows globally distributed teams to work as if they are all at one location.

James Wilson, Investment Manager at Creativesheffield, added: "WANdisco's planned expansion is excellent news for Sheffield. It will create around 40 jobs in the city and will further strengthen our position as a hub for the creative and digital industries.

"We currently have the fastest growing digital and new media sector in the UK, and with projects like Digital Region and the Sheffield Digital Campus we feel we are well positioned for the future."