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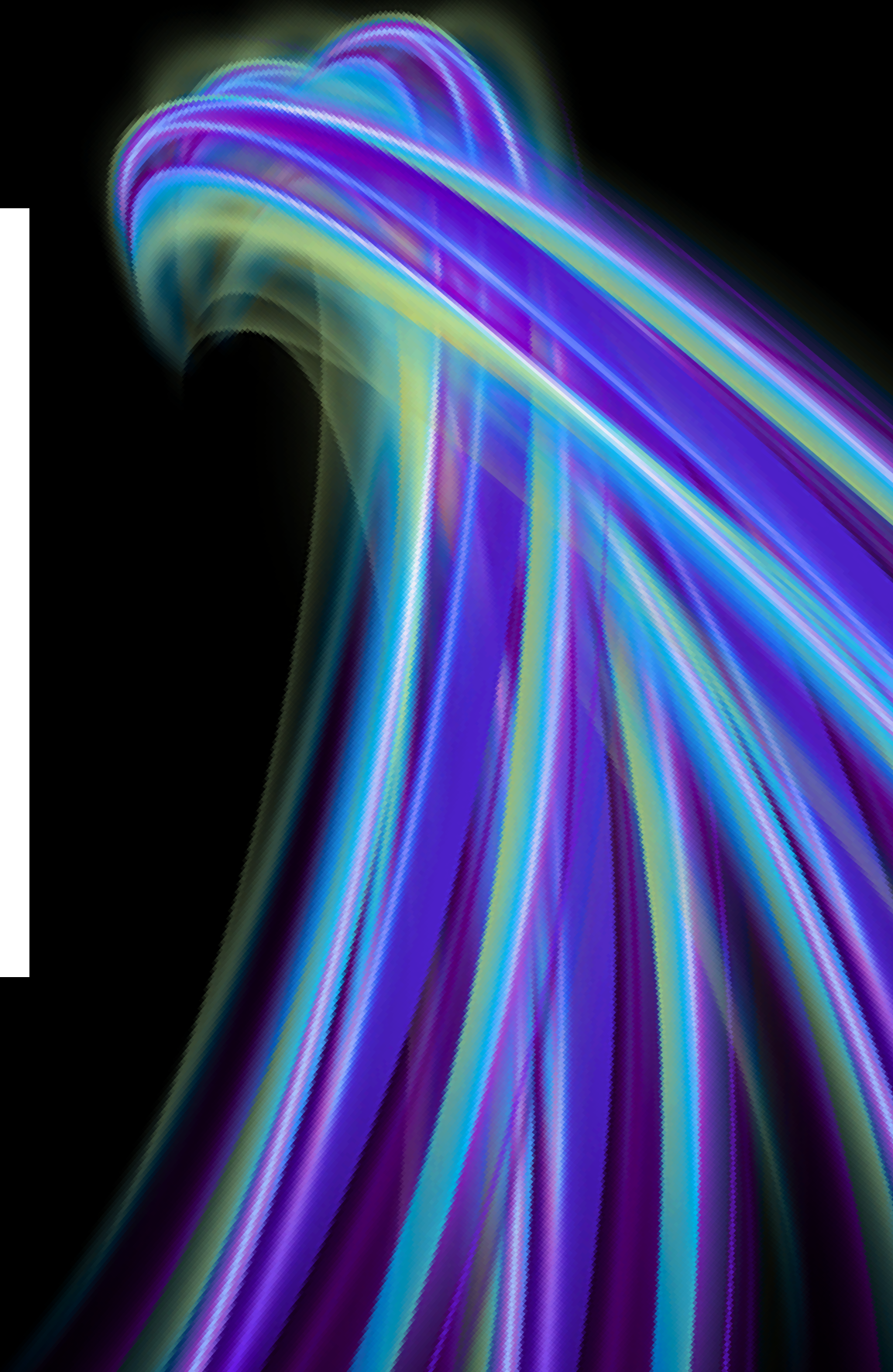
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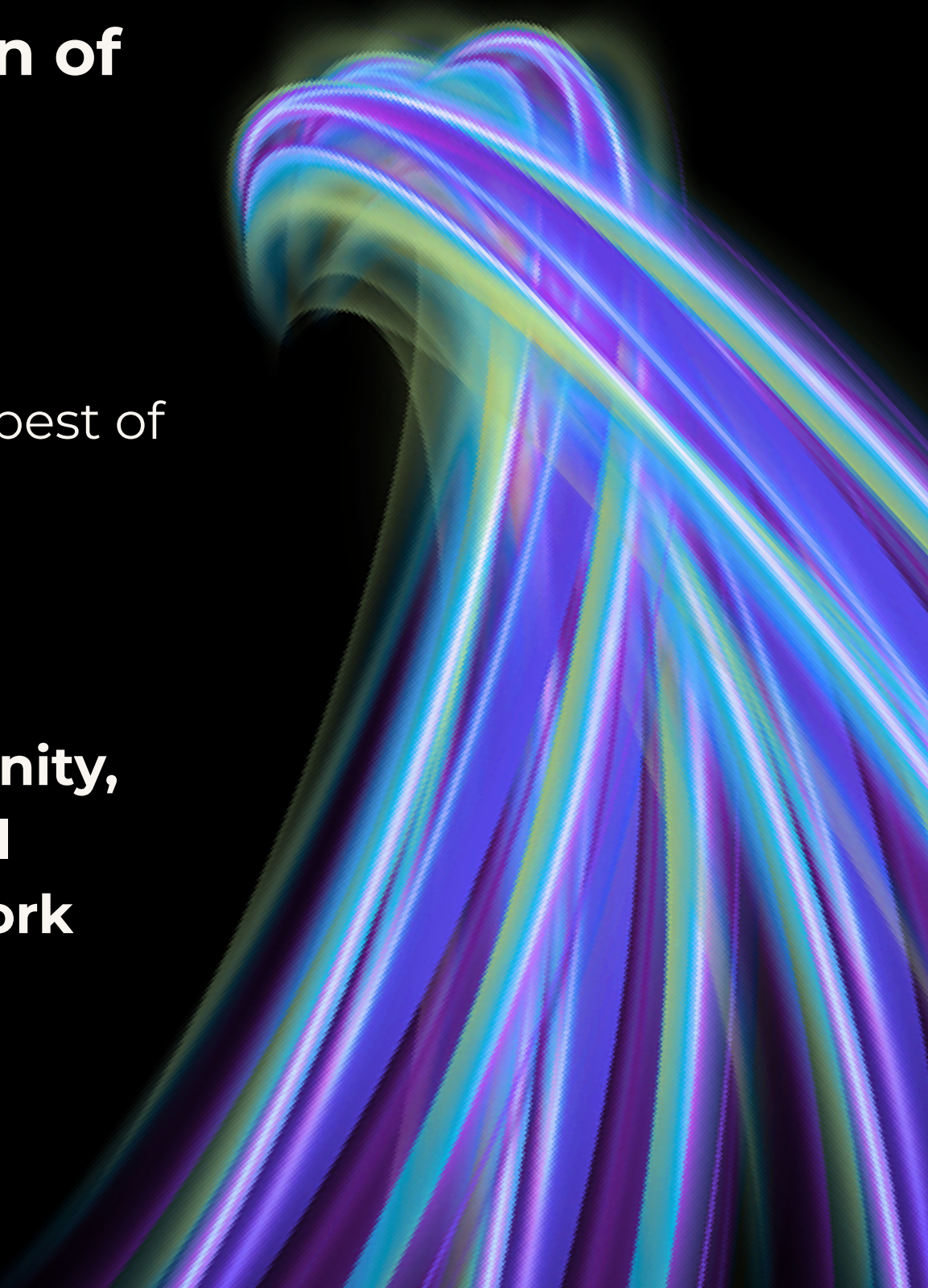


**The BECBC Awards are recognised as an impactful celebration of business excellence across the Energy Coast and beyond.**

As a network of organisations across all tiers of the energy supply chain, we are dedicated to delivering success and growth for Cumbria. The awards are open to organisations of all sizes and sectors in our membership, and represent the very best of the region. We recognise success in many sponsored categories, including sustainability, growth, collaboration, and entrepreneurship. We also celebrate outstanding individuals from both micro and larger business.

**Entering the BECBC awards is a powerful way to engage with our community, showcase your business in collaboration with the region's most influential contributors, and demonstrate your commitment to an aspirational network driving the UK's energy future.**

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# Apply for the BECBC Awards 2026

**Celebrate Your Success, gain visibility and valuable interaction**

The BECBC Awards are more than just a ceremony; they are a spotlight on the grit, innovation, and excellence defining our region. We are a network of aspirational organisations across all tiers of the energy sector supply chain, and these awards are our premier platform to showcase the businesses delivering success and growth in Cumbria and beyond.

Whether you are an individual making waves, a micro-business developing to the next level, or a large-scale operator driving the industry forward, this is your opportunity to be recognised by your peers and the wider UK energy community.

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## WHY ENTER?

- **Excellent Visibility:** Gain significant brand exposure across our network and media channels. Finalists and winners are showcased as "exemplar businesses" at our sell-out award ceremony at Energus each November.
- **Direct Access to Industry Leaders:** Engagement doesn't stop with the award. You'll gain unique networking opportunities and build high-value contacts with our sponsors and influential industry players.
- **Benchmark Your Excellence:** The application process allows you to reflect on your achievements in Innovation, Sustainability, Collaboration, and Entrepreneurship.
- **Boost Team Morale:** There is no better way to reward your team's hard work than by standing among the best in the Energy Coast's business community.



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# AWARDS CATEGORIES 2026

**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

**BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR**

**RISING STAR**

**AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**

**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

**EMPOWERING NEXT GENERATION**

**PARTNERSHIP**

**SOCIAL VALUE**

**PERFORMANCE CULTURE**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

**MICRO BUSINESS**

**GROWING BUSINESS**

**CHARITY OF THE YEAR**

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## BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Any size business may enter the Business of the Year Award. This award will recognise a broad spectrum of business success criteria:

- describe your three biggest achievements since May 2025
- what challenges you have encountered and how you overcome these
- your vision for future success

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## BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR

This person could be the owner or an employee of the organisation. They must be able to demonstrate:

- outstanding business acumen
- excellent leadership skills
- remarkable growth in their business in the period from May 2025
- examples of how they deliver beyond the financial bottom line
- strong motivation and to have distinguished themselves in their area of expertise

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## RISING STAR

This award recognises an individual who is early in their career, regardless of age, who has made a substantial contribution to their employer and invested in their career. The criteria are:

- demonstrable career progress through promotion, role change or going the extra mile
- achievement of academic or technical qualifications
- ability to overcome barriers

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## AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

This award is for an individual who has supported fellow members and/or promoted BECBC as an organisation. The person should be nominated by their peers, not necessarily within their own organisation and will be offered a voluntary role for one year as part of the BECBC Team acting as an Ambassador for us. To nominate the person, please describe how they have:

- provided support to fellow members through connection or advice
- furthered the ambitions and strategy of the cluster by going above and beyond what is expected

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## THE JOHN GRAINGER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

This award recognises an individual who has delivered an impact for members through volunteering hours over the last 3 years.

The award honours the many years of contribution to BECBC by John Grainger.

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Services**

## EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

This award celebrates businesses which have a culture going above and beyond, to empower a diverse and inclusive next generation within their organisation (16-35). The criteria for judging are:

- the opportunities and encouragement you provide for the next generation to develop personally and professionally
- interactions and influence with senior teams and mentoring/coaching outcomes
- effective, flexible working that enables meaningful social interactions and networking

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## PARTNERSHIP

This award is designed to recognise and celebrate a successful collaboration project in Cumbria or an ongoing collaboration of member companies. To qualify at least 70% of parties involved in the partnership must be BECBC members.

The criteria for judging are:

- how the plan for partnership set a path to success
- how you have adapted to change while maintaining benefit for all parties
- the tangible benefits you have delivered through effective partnership

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## SOCIAL VALUE

This award recognises the additional value (above financial value) delivered by our members to impact on the lives of people living in Cumbria. The criteria for judging are:

- what value has been delivered, using both quantitative and qualitative measures
- how has the social value delivery been incorporated into the day to day business to make it sustainable
- how has the organisation acknowledged and balanced out negative social value

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**Kilpatrick**

## PERFORMANCE CULTURE

This award category seeks to celebrate member organisations who actively take a 'whole system' approach to good organisational performance.

This includes behavioural and cultural aspects such as wellbeing, inclusivity, team dynamics and good leadership practice to create a superb environment which enables excellent performance. The criteria for judging are:

- how you take a whole systems approach to your performance culture, including a focus on both people and process
- how you have designed and integrated a well-balanced set of organisational policies and working practices which demonstrate your approach to a performance culture
- your measures for a successful performance culture
- how you share your approach and learning from others on this

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**TETRA TECH**

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This award celebrates the businesses who have changed their business processes and delivery to contribute to a more sustainable environment. The judging criteria are:

- what value has been delivered as a consequence of the business' actions
- how have the changes become embedded in your business
- how this progress is measured and monitored

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**INFRASTRUCTURE**

## MICRO BUSINESS

For the purpose of these awards, a Micro Business has 10 or less employees. The judging criteria are:

- your three biggest achievements since May 2025
- the challenges you encountered and how you overcame these
- your vision for future success

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## GROWING BUSINESS

This award is all about growth - growing job numbers, growing market penetration and reach or growing sales. Judges will take into account the size of the organisation against achievements. The judging criteria are:

- how you planned to grow and how it happened
- how you are planning and investing for future success
- your measures of growth – sales, profits, share price, product development, jobs, exports, new markets
- how your growth is affecting your supply chain and the local community

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**COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS**

## CHARITY OF THE YEAR

This award will recognise a wide range of success criteria within our not-for-profit members. The judging criteria are:

- strong leadership and a capable local team
- evidence that the impacts the Charity or Social Enterprise delivers are sustainable clearly understood goals and objectives
- evidence of community benefit and impact in Cumberland

The winner of this award will become the BECBC Charity of the Year for 2027

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## GET IN TOUCH

Once you have decided which category is a great fit with your business goals, please prepare your application and submit it through the BECBC website:

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