

## Queen salutes Enterprise Award winners at Buckingham Palace

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ENTREPRENEURIAL awards season is upon us again.

At the Queen's Awards for Enterprise at Buckingham Palace earlier this week, The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh congratulated representatives of the 209 winners in the palace's ballroom.

The awards, which have been operating in various forms since 1966, this year had 862 entrants from all over the country – a statistic which will no doubt please business secretary Vince Cable who attended the reception, as well as anyone interested in our entrepreneurial future.

Also in attendance at the palatial celebrations were Stuart Popham, who is vice chairman of EMEA at Citi, and business minister Michael Fallon.

Award winner Victoria Ford, of City legal consultants Jomati, had a little giggle with the Queen.

Ford said: "She asked what we had done with our Queen's award. I told her that we have framed our certificate. We have displayed the glass bowl too but are too scared to go anywhere near it."

