

Chemicals Northwest 2023 Awards – The Awards are back!! Back at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate and back in terms of a record number of categories, entries and companies. Entries remained of the very highest quality showcasing the amazing achievements of companies operating in the sector. The vibrant atmosphere in the room was testament to a sector that continues to deliver across the board despite the challenges faced this year.

The 23rd March Awards Dinner brought together over 300 senior executives from the North West industry. Twelve Awards were presented during the evening but all shortlisted entrants should be very proud of the contribution made to our sector. We deliver innovation, our products are sustainable, the sector has an impressive H&S record and companies continue to invest in skills and talent, to secure the future of the industry. Steve Elliott, CEO of the Chemical Industries Association welcomed guests on behalf of Chemicals Northwest wishing everyone success in the year ahead.

Our host for the event was Sam McAlister

Sam McAlister is a BAFTA-nominated interviews producer who has negotiated with everyone from Buckingham Palace to The White House, Tesla to Facebook. With skills honed over a decade in the BBC's elite news programmes, notably BBC Newsnight. Exclusives include, most famously, the interview with HRH Prince Andrew — but also President Clinton, Elon Musk and Julian Assange. Negotiation, strategy and public speaking have always been at the core of everything that Sam has done — from her time as a criminal defence barrister to her public speaking and debating. Sam's book *Scoops: Behind the Scenes of the BBC's Most Shocking Interviews* was released in 2022.



Fleur and the Flamingos

Fleur and the Flamingos are a highly talented 4 piece pop band hailing from the musical epicentre of Manchester. The band performed the latest pop alongside classic dancefloor fillers from every era including Dua Lipa, Florence and the Machine and Aretha Franklin. All of the bands members have music degrees from some of the countries most prestigious music colleges, including The Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM), Royal Holloway University of London and Llandrillo college.