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Kate's Network She Award

08bc member, [Merseyside Property Auctions](#)' managing director Kate Lay has been awarded the New Business of the Year title in the prestigious Network She Awards 2009.

The 28-year-old was praised by judges for her entrepreneurship and commitment at the Black-tie gala dinner at Kinmel Manor, Abergele on Friday.

This event recognises and rewards the success and immense contribution that business women and female entrepreneurs make to the economy in North Wales and the North West.

Kate, who is also the Northwest Women in Business Young Entrepreneur of the Year, said this most recent award win was welcome recognition for her success throughout her first year of trading.

This year Merseyside Property Auctions (MPA) have achieved the highest sale rate in the region - at 82%. Their final auction of 2009 takes place on December 2 at the Crowne Plaza, Speke.

Kate, who set up MPA in July 2008 after nine years with Sutton Kersh, said: "This awards shows those who doubted my ability to succeed in the current market that MPA is going from strength-to-strength.

"Winning the Network She New Business of the Year Award is a tremendous honour.

"To receive such recognition in these difficult economic times is a real boost.

"It is great to see the hard work and commitment of the MPA team be appreciated and means our clients can be confident in the fact that they are in safe hands.

"These awards in particular show young women that hard work and determination can get you where you want to be in life

"Any woman with drive, ambition and talent can follow their dreams and carve out a successful career for themselves."