



ONLINE EVENT INVITATION

The Queen's Award for Enterprise in West Yorkshire

Thursday 23 July from 11:00am to 12:15pm

Would you like your business to receive national and international recognition for its work in international trade, innovation, promoting opportunity or sustainable development? If so, the Lord Lieutenant, Ed Anderson, the Chambers of Commerce and companies who had gained the award would like to help you.

The Queen's Award for Enterprise is open to companies of all sectors and sizes based in the UK and it's free to enter. We recognise that running a business is particularly tough this year and the award may be one way of gaining a competitive edge, boosting staff morale and literally flying the award flag to show your strength and capability.

You will hear from business people who have been successful in gaining the award and have the chance to ask your questions. Joining us will be Mark Ridgway of machinery manufacturer Group Rhodes Limited.

Book to attend this Zoom webinar to find out more.

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**Ed Anderson, Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire
Guest Speaker**

Ed had a twin-track executive career in local government and airport management. He worked for Bradford Council and West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council. Ed was Deputy Managing Director at East Midlands Airport and his final executive role was as Chief Executive of the Leeds Bradford Airport until 2007.



**Mark Ridgway
Guest Speaker**

Mark is Chairman and CEO of Group Rhodes, a Wakefield headquartered advanced engineering group, and past winners of Queen's Awards for both Innovation and International Trade.

Underlining his long-standing commitment to manufacturing, Mark is a Director and Past President of the UK's Manufacturing Technologies Association (MTA). Government appointments have included

the BIS (now BEIS) Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative and the DIT's Advanced Engineering Sector Advisory Board, for whom he has headed UK Trade Missions to India and China.

Over recent years Mark has been awarded the title of Regional Manufacturing Champion (NE) by Make UK (previously the Engineering Employers Federation) and listed in the Manufacturer's UK Top 100. He was also appointed the UK's Advanced Engineering Sector Champion for the London Olympic Games.

Mark has chaired local government bodies and sat on the main board of the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP), chairing its Employer Ownership of Skills Board. He is currently heavily engaged with EURIS, a body that seeks to deliver a positive outcome for the UK manufacturing sector from the Brexit process.

Mark was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2011 for Services to Industry and is a Deputy Lieutenant to the West Yorkshire Lieutenancy. He holds an MSc in Manufacturing Leadership from Leeds University Business School, Honorary Doctorates from Sheffield Hallam University and Leeds Beckett University, and is a Visiting Professor at Huddersfield University.