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Remote Worker Awards offer rich returns

THE Remote Worker Awards have just been launched to highlight the benefits of working from home and the prizes include a penthouse garden office and a valuable home-based franchise.

The awards, being run by Remote Employment, aim to raise awareness of working from home as an alternative to redundancy and the traditional nine-to-five office routine.

There are categories for people who want to work from home with their own business as well as those who already do so.

The Work From Home Award will give several entrants the chance to change their career with a toolkit to start their own business. The Helen O'Grady Special Award will give the winner a home-based franchise worth £15,000.

It's aimed at people with an interest in drama and those who have experience in teaching children and who wish to set up their own home-based business.

Low-energy building specialists, Vivid Green, are offering their winner a £10,000 penthouse garden office.

There's a category for freelancers, self-employed consultants and project contractors with prizes that include a fabulous luxury weekend at a von Essen hotel.

The winner of the Open University Skills Award will have the chance of a new career with a £2,000 Open University prize and learning vouchers worth £500 for two runners-up.

Awards organiser, Paula Wynne, co-founder of Remote Employment, expects them to unearth an abundance of inventive pioneers.

"The winners will feature in a Remote Worker E-Book to help other companies to implement a flexible and remote working programme," she said.

The panel will include a remote judge, Jeff Zbar, the founder of Chief Home Officer, in the United States.

All winners and runners-up will be invited to a ceremony at Cliveden House, a von Essen hotel, set in 376 acres of Berkshire countryside.

For further details, call 0844 800 8355 or visit www.remoteworkerawards.com.