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Daniel Flynn named 2015 EY Entrepreneur of the Year in the Emerging Category (Southern Region)

Melbourne, Australia. Last night, Daniel Flynn, Co-founder and Managing Director of social enterprise, [Thankyou](#), was named 2015 EY Entrepreneur of the Year in the Emerging Category for the Southern Region.

Flynn was recognised for his entrepreneurial spirit and the significant growth of Thankyou.

"It's a real honour to receive an award of this standard, and wouldn't be possible without the team and their hard work and commitment to building Thankyou.

"Entrepreneurship is really about taking an idea and successfully putting momentum behind it. The launch of Thankyou came from the idea of empowering everyday Australians to change the world through a simple purchase...and it's incredibly rewarding to see that idea become a reality as the Thankyou movement grows," Flynn said.

Thankyou's business model is simple and honest: "Basically we use business to solve the issue of global poverty," Flynn said.

In 2008, 19-year-old Flynn co-founded Thankyou – a social enterprise that exists to fund life-changing development projects. Through the sale of its water, personal care and food ranges it funds safe water access, hygiene and sanitation programs and food aid respectively. From 2012 to 2014 the business grew over 200 per cent year on year.

The EY Entrepreneur of the Year award is considered the world's most prestigious business award, and the only global program of its kind.

Flynn will represent the Southern Region at the national awards in October, where he will compete for the title of 2015 Australian EY Entrepreneur of the Year. The national winner will go on to represent the country in the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year awards in Monte Carlo next June, where entrepreneurs from 145 cities in more than 60 countries will compete.

To date, Thankyou has given over \$3 million to projects, funding safe water access for 170,177 people, hygiene and sanitation programs for 231,582 people and over 19.1 million days' of immediate food aid on top of their long-term food solutions for people in need. To date, the social enterprise has funded projects in 16 countries including its first Australian project, The Salvation Army's Hamodava Café in Melbourne.

What's next for Thankyou?

"We have some big, bold plans for Thankyou that will unfold over the next 12 months. Watch this space," Flynn said.

Thankyou's complete product range includes food, personal care and water products, and is available in selected Coles and Woolworths supermarkets, 7-Eleven Australia outlets as well as IGA, FoodWorks, Foodland and other independent supermarkets across Australia.

For more information on the EY awards program, head to their [website](#).

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