

LONDON EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

AWARDS APPLICATION
2007

Recognising innovation and impact across
London's education sectors

PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

The London Education Partnership Awards will recognise and build on a well-established tradition among London's education providers, in introducing higher education opportunities to a wide range of learners. This tradition ensures that growing numbers of London learners benefit from the extraordinary range and richness of the capital's education institutions and can contribute to and benefit from the unique wider wealth creation that London offers.

The awards incorporate and reflect the principles that have distinguished best practice to date and are designed to:

- Recognise and continually refine standards of excellence and practice
- Reward innovation and entrepreneurship
- Recognise the impact of education partnerships on progression and achievement.

ELIGIBILITY

Any education institution in the Greater London area (the 33 London boroughs).

Employers and voluntary organisations supporting activities that benefit young people or adults in the area.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Awards may be given to schools, sixth form and further education colleges, higher education institutions, voluntary sector organisations and employers, as individual institutions or partnerships.

Organisations may submit an application in any or all of the award categories.

All entries must demonstrate how they meet the specific criteria set out in the relevant award categories.

An individual or institution can enter their own work or nominate someone else's. The scale of the programme or position of the person is not necessarily relevant to the evaluation of the achievement.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Cross-organisational partnership & impact
- Individual organisational impact
- Excellent professional practice in curriculum & student support
- Excellent professional practice in curriculum & student support in science, technology, engineering & mathematics
- Individual professional contribution to higher education progression
- Employer of the year
- Voluntary sector organisation of the year.

JUDGING

The awards panel will be chaired by Stephen Twigg, formerly Minister for Schools in London.

Prior to the meeting of the awards panel, a team with expertise relevant to each of the specific award categories will assess applications against the stated criteria.

The awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday 19 June 2007 at the Arsenal Football Club Emirates Stadium.

CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

CROSS-ORGANISATIONAL PARTNERSHIP & IMPACT

Judges will be looking for partnerships that can demonstrate:

- A strategic and systematic approach to school/further/higher education progression as evidenced in organisational mission, plans, governance arrangements
- Effective cross-organisational curriculum partnerships, including joint programme planning and delivery
- Widened participation for non-traditional higher education entrants
- Evidence of annual progress against baseline position over a two year period at minimum
- Evidence of outcomes and impact.

INDIVIDUAL ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT

Judges will be looking for organisations that can demonstrate:

- Significant widened participation for non-traditional higher education entrants
- A strategic and systematic approach to widening and increasing higher education progression
- Effective institutional strategies to raise aspirations and student attainment
- Effective parent, community or business engagement
- Evidence of annual progress against baseline position over a two year period at minimum
- Evidence of outcomes and impact.

EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CURRICULUM & STUDENT SUPPORT

Judges will be looking for partnerships that can demonstrate:

- Innovative curriculum practice in a specific subject area
- Joint curriculum planning, delivery and review to support progression
- Cross-organisational teaching and learning relationships and professional development
- Specialist information, advice and guidance, mentoring and student support
- Widened participation for non-traditional higher education entrants
- Evidence of annual progress against baseline position over a two year period at minimum
- Evidence of outcomes and impact.

EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CURRICULUM & STUDENT SUPPORT IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS

Judges will be looking for individuals who can demonstrate individual impact in:

- Innovative curriculum practice in one or more of the subject areas listed above
- Joint curriculum planning, delivery and review to support progression
- Cross-organisational teaching and learning relationships and professional development
- Specialist information, advice and guidance, mentoring and student support
- Widened participation for non-traditional higher education entrants
- Evidence of annual progress against baseline position over a two year period at minimum
- Evidence of outcomes and impact.

CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRESSION

Judges will be looking for individuals who can demonstrate individual impact in:

- Creating robust cross-organisational relationships either on an organisational or curriculum basis
- Engaging and sustaining the commitment of colleagues
- Challenging, changing and developing organisational policy and practice
- Widened participation for non-traditional higher education entrants
- Evidence of annual progress against baseline position over a two year period at minimum
- Evidence of outcomes and impact.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Judges will be looking for organisations that can demonstrate:

- Strong corporate leadership and mission in education partnerships to achieve social and business benefits
- Innovative strategies to increase access to and widen participation in higher education of under-represented and excluded groups
- Effective investment of company resources eg involvement of employees in promoting aspiration and progression among young people and adults
- Innovative strategies to develop the talent and employability of young people and adults
- Evidence of outcomes and impact.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

Judges will be looking for organisations that can demonstrate:

- Strong organisational leadership and mission in education partnerships
- Innovative strategies to increase access to and widen participation in higher education of under-represented or excluded groups
- Effective advocacy and campaigning activity
- Evidence of outcomes and impact.

HOW TO ENTER

Please observe the following rules, which will enable the judges to make an informed and fair decision.

- Completed entry forms to be submitted with four copies of each application (1500 words maximum per category)
- Applications should address the relevant assessment criteria above
- Any written evidence from beneficiaries should be included within the word limit for each application
- Applications should be word processed on A4 paper and signed by the head of the organisation(s) or her/his representative
- Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted
- No additional supporting evidence is necessary at this stage
- Applications that go on to the assessment's final stage will have the opportunity to submit further information
- Each application will receive an acknowledgement addressed to the head of the organisation(s) or her/his nominated representative
- Organisations will be contacted subsequently only if their organisation has been selected to go forward to the final stage.

Please send completed entry forms and applications to arrive no later than Friday 9th March 2007 at 5.00pm to:

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ENTRY FORM

TITLE OF PROJECT, ORGANISATION(S), PARTNERSHIP OR PERSON ENTERING OR BEING NOMINATED *(Please note: information submitted here will be the title of the nomination throughout the awards. If your entry is successful this will be the name quoted on all literature.)*

NAME OF ORGANISATION SUBMITTING ENTRY

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

CONTACT NAME

TELEPHONE

FAX

E-MAIL

PLEASE TICK AWARD CATEGORY *(you may apply for more than one)*

- CROSS-ORGANISATIONAL PARTNERSHIP & IMPACT
- INDIVIDUAL ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT
- EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CURRICULUM & STUDENT SUPPORT
- EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CURRICULUM & STUDENT SUPPORT
IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS
- INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRESSION
- EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR
- VOLUNTARY SECTOR ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

Signed:

Date:

Name: *(print)*

Title/Position:

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