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## **Final Call for Lincolnshire and Rutland's Top Apprentice and Employer**

Over 180 young people and employers will be celebrating their achievements at the third annual Lincolnshire & Rutland Work Based Learning Awards, hosted by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC).

The winners will be presented with their awards at a stylish ceremony due to take place against the idyllic backdrop of The Lawn in Lincoln on Thursday 26th February 2009. Over 100 nominations from across the county will be narrowed down and finalists selected in the following categories:

- Young Apprentice of the Year Award
- Apprentice Personal Achiever of the Year Award
- Apprentice of the Year Award
- Employer of the Year Award
- Entry to Employment Learner of the Year Award
- Entry to Employment Personal Achiever of the Year Award
- The School that has Embraced Work Related Learning most Effectively Award

Nick Rashley, area director, LSC Lincolnshire and Rutland, says: “Now in the third year, these awards go from strength to strength. It’s a wonderful opportunity to bring together local businesses, apprentices and training providers from across the counties to celebrate their outstanding achievements and successes.

“Work based learning is a fantastic way for young people to gain invaluable skills for their future careers and to contribute meaningfully to the local economy. These Awards are recognition of the very important role that apprentices play in the success of our local area which is now more vital than ever with the economic downturn.”

If you know someone who you think deserves to be recognised for their hard work and commitment to work based learning please email [realsuccess@headstorm.com.uk](mailto:realsuccess@headstorm.com.uk) for an application form. All entries must be completed and returned by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December latest. Unfortunately all entries received after this date will not be considered.

Each of the nominations will be considered by a panel of judges and matched against the Awards criteria. There are three finalists for each Award category and the winner in each category will be announced at the Awards Dinner.

## **Ends**

### **Notes to editors:**

Awards Categories

#### **1) Young Apprentice of the Year Award**

This Award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate young learners’ exceptional achievements during their Young Apprenticeship Programme.

#### **2) Apprentice Personal Achiever of the Year Award**

The Personal Achiever Award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate apprentices who have successfully overcome barriers or obstacles – personally or in the workplace – to achieve their goals and exceed all expectations of their employers or learning providers. Two awards are given in this category:

- 16 -18 years

- Adult

### **3) Apprentice of the Year Award**

The Apprentice Award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate learners' exceptional contribution to their workplaces. Entrants will have made a real difference to the organisation they work in, by going beyond everyone's expectations. Two awards are given in this category:

- Apprenticeship
- Advanced Apprenticeship

### **4) Employer of the Year Award**

The Employer of the Year Award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate employers' commitment to development young people. Three awards are given in the following categories:

- e2e
- Young Apprenticeship
- Apprenticeship

### **5) Entry to Employment Learner of the Year Award**

The e2e Learner Award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate e2e learners' exceptional achievements during their e2e Programme. Two awards are given in the following categories:

### **6) Entry to Employment Personal Achiever of the Year Award**

The e2e Personal Achiever Award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate e2e learners who have successfully overcome barriers or obstacles – personal or educational – to achieve their goal.

### **7) The School that has Embraced Work Related Learning most Effectively Award**

Three areas will be assessed in judging this Award:

- Management of Systems
- Curriculum Learning
- Partnership Working

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