

Search is on for Learning Stars to Represent their Region

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The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) North East is searching for young people and employers in the North East to represent the region at the National Apprenticeship Awards 2007.

Now in their fourth year, the Awards have been designed to recognise and reward both employers and Apprentices. There are four categories this year, with applications invited from employers, Apprentices, Young Apprentices, and those who have overcome difficulties to succeed in their Apprenticeship.

Last year's Awards attracted a record 1,113 applicants, with Sarah Venus, from Northumberland being one of the many North East individuals who applied, going on to become a finalist in the Young Apprentice category.

This year, Chris Roberts, Regional Director, LSC North East, is hoping for a bumper number of applications from the region. He said: "There is a lot to be proud of in the North East. We have 6,500 employers and over 14,000 young people taking part in the Apprenticeship Programme throughout the region, addressing skills gaps, boosting the area's economy and ultimately working towards making us better skilled and more competitive."

The glittering Oscar style Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hilton Park Lane Hotel in London on 20 June 2007.

Businesses and young people interested in applying for the awards or wanting more information should call the Awards Team on 0800 019 2083 or visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk/awards The deadline for entries is 23rd February 2007.

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Note to editors:

The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for planning and funding high-quality vocational education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world-class standards. Our vision is that by 2010, young people and adults in England have the knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. Established in 2001, we work nationally, regionally and locally from a network of offices across the country.

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