

## Learners line up for Awards

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**Learners from West Cumbria who have achieved outstanding results and shown true commitment to improving their skills will receive their reward on 16 February as West Cumbria Area Winners of this year's Learning and Skills Council (LSC) Excellence in Cumbria Awards.**

Jamie Reed MP will award £200 and a certificate to each of the four area winners at a special awards ceremony at the Northwest Regional Development Agency offices, Lillyhall, Workington.

The West area winners will go forward to a special 'Oscar' style County Final on 29 March at the Castle Green Hotel in Kendal, where they will have the opportunity to win a further £300 and a prestigious trophy.

The categories receiving awards today are:

Youth Progress Award (in memory of Doreen Clark and sponsored by Connexions Cumbria)

Youth Achievement Award

Adult Learners Award (sponsored by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education – NIACE)

Apprentice of the Year Award

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## **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY/PRESS FACILITY**

**You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to the Northwest Regional Development Agency offices, Lillyhall Workington on Friday 16 February 2007 at 1.30pm, where Jamie Reed MP will present each of the West Cumbria Area Winners with cheques for £200 and a certificate.**

### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Partners in this year's Awards include ITV Border, Connexions Cumbria, the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) and the Trades Union Congress (TUC).

### **Learning and Skills Council:**

1. 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.
2. The Excellence in Cumbria Awards for Learning Skills and Achievement has eight individual categories, each aimed at rewarding people who have used self development to improve their own lives, or those within their communities. There is also one business category.

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