

Greater Manchester STARS

QIA STAR award winners announced at a glittering ceremony in London

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It was a night of celebration for the learning and skills sector in Greater Manchester when colleagues scooped five out of 18 National QIA STAR awards, presented by Dame Kelly Holmes and Krishnan Guru-Murphy at a glittering ceremony in London.

Winners, who each received £2000, a trophy and the 2006 QIA STAR Awards title included:

- Patricia Barr, HMP Manchester – Outstanding Basic Skills Practitioner sponsored by Protocol Training.
- Pam Harland, City College Manchester – Outstanding Member of Support Staff sponsored by UNISON.
- Connie Brown, Ashton Sixth Form College – Outstanding Support to Learners sponsored by Learndirect.
- Homelessness Project Team, Bury Adult Education Centre – Outstanding Support Team sponsored by the Learning and Skills Council.
- Maggie Unwin, Work Solutions, Manchester – Outstanding Work with an Employer sponsored by the Learning and Skills Council.

The STAR awards recognise and reward people's outstanding contribution to the quality of learning and the difference they have made to the lives of learners and colleagues alike. The winners were selected from over 3000 individuals, nominated by learners, colleagues and managers. They come from workplaces all over the sector, including further education colleges, community-based providers, private sector providers, employers and adult education institutes.

John Korzeniewski, Regional Director of Learning and Skills Council North West said,

“The STAR Awards recognise the very finest individuals who work in the vastly diverse learning and skills sector. My warmest congratulations go to all nominees in the North West for their excellent achievements, particularly the winners in Greater Manchester. Their dedication has given people confidence and self-belief and they have inspired people to reach their potential. These awards have given them the recognition they deserve.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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- We help employers to get the training and skills they need for their business.
- We are transforming the further education sector to meet the needs of employers and the local community.
- We are committed to improving learning opportunities for everyone.