

**APPRENTICE STAR WILL SHINE AT GREATER MANCHESTER AWARDS**  
**Michelle Dewberry, winner of 'The Apprentice' television programme is to present the Learning and Skills Council's Greater Manchester Learner Awards.**

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The waiting is nearly over for the individuals nominated in The Greater Manchester Learner Awards 2007, as the glittering finale approaches.

The competition, organised by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), reaches its climax on Thursday 7 June 2007 at Manchester Town Hall when the winners of the five individual categories will be revealed and presented with an exclusively designed trophy and a cheque for £500.00.

Michelle Dewberry, winner of 'The Apprentice' television programme in 2006 will be the guest of honour, speaking to attendees about her experiences of tackling Sir Alan Sugar. Michelle will be presenting the awards and congratulating the winners on their successes.

The nominees from across Greater Manchester, vying for victory in the five individual awards, have already been short listed from hundreds of other learners.

The nominees are;

**Further Education Award (Vocational)**

Vicky Corry, 18, from Blackley

Carole Latham, 32, from Bury

Maxine Perritt, 21, from Rochdale

**Further Education Award (Academic)**

Steven Gillespie, from Levenshulme

Soraya Mafi, from Bury

Ahmed Tahboub, 22, from Didsbury

**Personal Achiever of the Year**

Adam Fox, 20, from Wincham

Abbey Lee, 17, from Ashton-under-Lyne

Katy Wilson, 18, from Offerton, Stockport

**Apprentice of the Year**

Rebecca Doherty, 21, from Bolton

Sam Fishwick, 18, from Macclesfield

Christopher Taylor, 21, from Rochdale

**Advanced Apprentice of the Year**

Nuala Gaffney, 21, from Ashton-under-Lyne

Jenna Hart, 22, from Whelley, Wigan

Angela Rose, 20, from Waterhead, Oldham

The nominees will have a nerve-racking wait, as the winners will be kept a closely guarded secret until the evening of the awards.

Elaine Bowker, LSC Area Director for Greater Manchester commented, "Like Michelle Dewberry, all our nominees have shown the commitment and determination needed to succeed, epitomising why the Learning and Skills Council runs these Awards. They aim to highlight the importance of learning and I am delighted we are able to celebrate the range of people who have excelled in learning and improved their lives."

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The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality 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 young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers.

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