

NOMINATION BROCHURE



Leading learning and skills

SOMERSET'S
**CHAMPIONS
OF LEARNING**
AWARDS 2009

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP CELEBRATE LEARNING IN THE COUNTY

INTRODUCTION

Somerset's Champions of Learning Awards will take place at the Holiday Inn, Taunton on 26 March 2009. The event is now firmly placed as THE celebration of learning for all ages in the County. We are now looking for nominations for 2009 and expect a strong response to each award category.

As you will see from this brochure there are eight award categories and we have a deadline of Friday 30 January 2009 for your nominations. The nominations will be carefully considered by a panel of judges and finalists will be invited to attend the awards dinner together with their nominator and other guests.

The nomination forms will also be available on the LSC website www.LSC.gov.uk/col

If you have any queries on completion of the nomination form or require an electronic version of the nomination brochure please contact Sue Bridges on 01823 362800.

We look forward to your nominations!

Sally House
Partnership Director
Learning and Skills Council
Dorset and Somerset



AWARD CATEGORIES 2009

CHAMPIONS OF LEARNING 2009

2008 WINNERS



Fay Crease
Nominated by Somerset College
of Arts and Technology

ACHIEVING SKILLS FOR LIFE

Gaining a qualification is a significant milestone for people who have previously struggled with literacy, language or numeracy. This category is to recognise an individual, irrespective of age, who has successfully improved their literacy, language and/or numeracy.



Sarah Knight
Nominated by AgustaWestland

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

To recognise an individual who has demonstrated exceptional personal achievement in work based learning and development. This category is open to those who have, since January 2008, completed or are currently undertaking an LSC supported Apprenticeship.



Joint winners
Ashley Hart
Nominated by Oake Manor
Golf Club



and **Amy Welch**
Nominated by Busy Bees
Cleaning & Maintenance

BUSINESS AWARD

This category is for small and medium sized organisations in Somerset to nominate staff who they have supported through training and learning that has then helped to contribute to the performance of the organisation. The award will celebrate the hard work of the employee and at the same time identify the impact on the performance of the organisation.



Eileen Peters
Nominated by St John
Ambulance

GOLDEN LEARNER

Proving that age is not a barrier to learning. This category is for those over the age of 60 who have continued or returned to learning and who are, and have been, an outstanding example of achievement.



2008 WINNERS



Solveig Curran
Nominated by Somerset County Council

INSPIRING OTHERS TO LEARN

Do you know, or are you, someone whose character, or 'words of wisdom' leave a lasting impression. Whether you work in a school, college, company or in the community - you have the capacity not just to teach, but also to inspire others to learn.



Hannah Strugnell
Nominated by Richard Huish College

JUGGLING TO LEARN

This category is to recognise an individual who has gained a qualification whilst caring for someone else/others. Has your achievement meant a degree of personal hardship or sacrifice? Judges will consider the personal circumstances of each nominee, and the personal 'journey' undertaken to reach their goals.



Chris Phillips
Nominated by Richard Huish College

LEARNING AGAINST THE ODDS

For individuals who have overcome a major difficulty or hurdle (personal or professional) to reach their goals. This category is to recognise individuals for their outstanding examples of learning achievements in the face of difficult or adverse circumstances.



Crosby Casey
Nominated by Strode College

YOUNG LEARNER OF THE YEAR

For individuals aged 14-19 years of age who have made a major learning achievement in any field. This category is to recognise individuals who have made exceptional achievements or have exceeded their goals.



2008 AWARDS PRESENTED BY FORMER OLYMPIC SWIMMER SHARRON DAVIES MBE, SEEN HERE WITH ALL THE 2008 WINNERS



NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

Complete the personal details for yourself (Nominator) and the person you are nominating for an award (Nominee).

Complete the 'Nominator's Statement' in no more than 500 words.

You may wish to consider these points:-

- ✦ What learning did the individual/group undertake?
- ✦ Did the individual/members of the group have to juggle their responsibilities during the learning?
- ✦ Did the individual's/group's learning achievements exceed your expectations? If so, how?
- ✦ How has/will the individual's/group's learning improved/improve their lives?
- ✦ What makes the individual/group stand out 'from the crowd' and why they should be recognised as a role model with an award?

Ask the nominee to complete the 'Nominee's Statement' and to complete and sign the 'Nominee's Release Statement' on the back page.

Please remember that both statements will be read by the panel of judges and will be the information used to judge all the nominations.

Good luck.

Rules of the awards

1. Details should be typed or written in **black or blue** ink.
2. If nominees are unable to sign the form personally, they may elect a person to do so on their behalf.
3. Nominees **may be** entered for more than one award category, **BUT** each category must be entered in the **Awards Category(s) Box** on page 5.
4. If verification is required we will contact the nominator.
5. Any questions about this form should be addressed to **Sue Bridges, Champions of Learning Awards 2009, Prospects Events, Powlett House, 34 High Street, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3PN.**
6. The awards **are only available** to Somerset based: learners, managers, teachers, tutors, trainers, mentors, employers and learning providers.
7. We can accept no responsibility for names that are not spelt correctly on the form. All those short listed will receive a certificate using the nominee name shown.
8. All nominations must be submitted on an **official nomination form**.
9. **Nominations are accepted via email, fax or post. Closing deadline 5.00pm, Friday 30th January 2009.**



NOMINATOR (YOUR) PERSONAL DETAILS

Nominator Name _____

Organisation _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Position _____

Address _____

Postcode

Telephone No _____ Email _____

Award Category(ies), please list all that you are nominating the nominee for:



NOMINEE (PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING) PERSONAL DETAILS

Nominee Name _____

Address _____

Postcode

Telephone No _____ Age on 5th April 2009 _____

NOMINATOR'S STATEMENT



NOMINEE'S STATEMENT



THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING.

What do you feel your main achievements are?

How has your learning improved your life, or the life of others?

How will your achievements benefit or inspire others?

Please add any other information to support your nomination.



NOMINEE'S RELEASE STATEMENT

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING.

To help us monitor our Equality and Diversity Policy we ask that nominees complete the boxes, using a tick (✓) where appropriate.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Male Female

Date of birth Do you have a disability? Yes No

Employment status (please tick one box)

Retired Working full time Working part time Self employed Unemployed

Full time student Unable to work due to illness or disability Other, please give details _____

Ethnic group (please tick one box)

White-British Black-African Asian-British Asian-Pakistani Black-British

White other European Asian-Bangladeshi Asian other Black-Caribbean

Black other Asian-Indian Chinese Other, please state: _____

The nominee should read the completed form carefully. S/he should then read and sign the following declaration.

I am aware that I have been nominated for the CHAMPIONS OF LEARNING AWARDS 2009.

I have read and agreed that the enclosed information is accurate.

I understand that: The Award's organiser and sponsor (The Learning and Skills Council) may wish to use information contained within this form as part of promotional campaigns. This may include my name, photograph and any other information contained in this form for publicity purposes.

Please tick relevant boxes

I agree that if I am recognised with an Award I am willing to attend the Awards ceremony to receive it.

I do not wish to be entered into the Golden Learner category (you will automatically be entered for this category if you are aged 60 or over on 5th April 2009).

I agree that the information can be used for publicity purposes.

I do not wish to be entered into the Young Learner of the Year category (you will automatically be entered for this category if you are aged 14-19).

I do not want the information to be used for publicity purposes.

Signature

Date

Please note that your personal data will only be used in conjunction with the Somerset Champions of Learning Awards.

ENTRY DETAILS

On completion, this form should be returned by 5.00pm, Friday 30th January 2009 to:
**Sue Bridges, Champions of Learning Awards 2009, Prospects Events,
Powlett House, 34 High Street, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3PN.**

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