

CORNISH LEARNING MANAGER RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION



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The Learning Manager of a Cornish charity has been shortlisted for a national Learning and Skills Improvement Service Star Award for his work supporting adult learning in the county.

James Browning was one of 10 people shortlisted from 2,500 nominees for the considerable work he put into securing European Social Funding to deliver adult learning initiatives. These included Vocational Routeways, Skills for Life, Adult Work Related and the Voluntary and Community Sector as well as a number of contracts with Cornwall College and Learning Plus which are all co-financed by the Learning and Skills Council.

Mr Browning achieved this whilst working for Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change (CN4C), a charity and social enterprise which aims to transform the quality of people, places and communities by working with residents and partners to provide choices and opportunities for everyone.

Chief Executive of CN4C, Tarn Lamb, said his work had inspired countless young and adult learners helping them to achieve their full potential.

She said: "James' hard work means we will be able to deliver significantly more learning projects to disadvantaged people in Cornwall through a community learning model and that is invaluable."

During the awards ceremony held last week at Billingsgate Market, east London,

all those nominated received a special message from Siôn Simon MP, Minister for Further Education at the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS).

He said: “The LSIS STAR Awards recognise the tremendous contribution made by those who work in the further education and skills sector and, in particular, the unsung heroes who make such a difference to the lives of learners.

“These awards highlight the vital importance of the further education and skills sector and those who work in it to build a strong UK economy and a cohesive society, helping thousands of young people and adults gain skills, confidence and new qualifications every day.”

Although Mr Browning did not win the Star Award outright he was presented with a glass star to commemorate his achievement.

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Photo: James Browning with his STAR Award

Notes to Editors:

In 2007-2013, the European Social Fund will invest £2 billion in England and Gibraltar, which will be matched to £2 billion of national funding. The new European Social Fund programme will support two key priorities:

1. extending employment opportunities to people who are unemployed or at a disadvantaged in the labour market, including disabled people, lone parents, older workers, ethnic minorities, low skilled people, and young people not in education, employment or training; and
2. developing a skilled and adaptable workforce, with a particular focus on employees who lack basic skills and good qualifications.

The new projects are the first to start under the 2007-2013 England and Gibraltar ESF programme, following the launch of tendering rounds in autumn 2007. The tendering rounds were organised by DWP, the Learning and Skills Council and other ESF Co-financing Organisations.

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