



National Training Awards
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South West's Best Win Top Award for training

From the South West, 4 organisations and individuals have a chance of winning the UK's top accolade for training after receiving the UK National Training Award at a regional ceremony in Bristol last night.

Winners were:

CORNWALL

- Cornwall Marine Network Ltd, Falmouth *in partnership with Camel Sailing, Wadebridge, Falmouth School of Sailing, Falmouth, NPS Yacht Fairing & Composites, Falmouth and Ocean Engineering, Penryn* – UK National Training Award, Partnership and Collaboration

DORSET

- Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Poole – UK National Training Award, Large Employer

SOMERSET

- Foxes Academy, Minehead – UK National Training Award, Providers of Education and Training
- Maggi Rowan, Langport – UK National Training Award, Individual

Colin Jackson, sports commentator and former British hurdles champion, presented each winner with a trophy.

The 4 winners will now be invited to the UK gala ceremony at London's Royal Lancaster Hotel on 11th December 2008 where they will find out whether or not they

have won the overall Winner of the Year prize for their category. They will be up against winners from other regions around the UK.

The following regional awards were also presented at the ceremony, held at: Bristol Marriott CC

CORNWALL

- Ginsters - a Division of Samworth Brothers, Callington – South West Training Award, Large Employer
- Truro College, Truro *in partnership with Happy Days Nurseries Limited, St. Columb* – South West Training Award, Partnership and Collaboration

DEVON

- Mole Valley Farmers Limited, South Molton – South West Training Award, Large Employer

DORSET

- Bournemouth University, Bournemouth – South West Training Award, Providers of Education and Training
- Bournemouth University, Poole – South West Training Award, Large Employer

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

- DairyCo, Cirencester *in partnership with U&I, Sheffield* – South West Training Award, Partnership and Collaboration

SOMERSET

- Brunelcare, Bristol – South West Training Award, Large Employer
- Buro Happold, Bath – South West Training Award, Large Employer
- Comet Group Plc, Clevedon – South West Training Award, Large Employer
- Highways Agency –Traffic Learning Centre, Bristol – South West Training Award, Large Employer
- MOD (Directorate of Defence Commercial Policy), Bristol *in partnership with DaLearning, Bristol and Logicacmg Training Centre, Bristol* – South West Training Award, Partnership and Collaboration
- The Roman Baths, Bath – South West Training Award, Medium Employer

The National Training Awards celebrate businesses, organisations and individuals that achieve outstanding success through training and development. They are run by UK Skills on behalf of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills and are sponsored by City & Guilds. They are supported by Investors in People.

Colin Jackson congratulated all the winners, saying: “I am delighted to take part again in the National Training Awards ceremony in South West and present the winners with their trophies. This year's recipients have set the benchmark high and have proven that in today's competitive market, high quality training is an integral part of both personal and business development.”

Chair of the South West judging panel, Martin Norman, congratulated the winners. He said: “The South West winners clearly represent the benefits of better skills and training. They've proven that training can change a company's performance and that it is an essential ingredient for success. We wish our UK National Training Award winners the best of luck for the next stage of the Awards.”

Simon Bartley, UK Skills Chief Executive, said: “It's exciting to see such a broad range of examples of both personal and organisational investment in training. Each winner has a wonderful story to tell of the benefits that their training has brought, from increased productivity to improved customer satisfaction to changed lives.

“The winners demonstrate that training is an investment not a cost and that it can transform companies, careers and communities. I congratulate them all on what they have achieved.”

Minister of State David Lammy said: “The National Training Awards foster a culture of learning, celebrate skills development, and make a real difference to the performance of companies and individuals the length and breadth of the country by challenging them to invest in their own development and future. The winners demonstrate the dynamic range of training taking place across the UK and the benefits of achieving excellence, and I congratulate them.”

Malcolm Gillespie, Regional Director at the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) South West, said: "Organisations with skilled and qualified workers can expect to be more competitive, productive and profitable and the increased number of entries clearly illustrates a growing recognition of the benefits that skills' training delivers. Our congratulations go to all those who have had their achievements recognised."

For more information about the National Training Awards visit www.nationaltrainingawards.com.

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Winners' Details

CORNWALL

Cornwall Marine Network Ltd, Falmouth in partnership with **Camel Sailing, Wadebridge, Falmouth School of Sailing, Falmouth, NPS Yacht Fairing & Composites, Falmouth and Ocean Engineering, Penryn**

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Camel Sailing, Wadebridge Contact: Paul Wickes, Press Contact, phone 01326 211 382

Falmouth School of Sailing, Falmouth Contact: Paul Wickes, Press Contact, phone 01326 211 382

NPS Yacht Fairing & Composites, Falmouth Contact: Paul Wickes, Press Contact, phone 01326 211 382

Ocean Engineering, Penryn Contact: Paul Wickes, Press Contact, phone 01326 211382

Entry title: Work-based Learning Programmes in Marine Sector

Ginsters - a Division of Samworth Brothers, Callington

Contact: Larry File, Press Contact, phone 01579 386200

Entry title: Development of a Learning Culture

Truro College, Truro

Contact: Jean Mooney, Press Contact, phone 01872 267198

Entry title: Learning package for day nursery including CPD for College staff

DEVON

Mole Valley Farmers Limited, South Molton

Contact: Rose Cockerill, Human Resources Manager, phone 01769 576 254

Entry title: New legislation requires upgrade training in Farming Co-operative

DORSET

Bournemouth University, Bournemouth

Contact: Charles Elder, Press Contact, phone 01202 961032

Entry title: Learning programme for post qualified social workers

Bournemouth University, Poole

Contact: Charles Elder, Press Contact, phone 01202 961032
Entry title: Research and enterprise training for academic staff

Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Poole

Contact: Roselyne Crowther, Press Contact, phone 01202 662218
Entry title: Training volunteer lifeboat crew

GLOUCESTERSHIRE**DairyCo, Cirencester** in partnership with **U&I, Sheffield**

DairyCo Contact: Stuart Goodinson, Press Contact, phone 01285 655943
KSA Learning Ltd Contact: Kim Stafford, Press Contact, phone 7767763116
Entry title: Training enables facilitators to improve productivity for dairy farmers

SOMERSET**Brunelcare, Bristol**

Contact: Berkeley PR – Helen Stevens, Press Contact, phone 01454 629741
Entry title: Dementia Care training

Buro Happold, Bath

Contact: Chris Townsend, Learning & Development Consultant, phone 01225 320 600
Entry title: Graduate recruitment engineering programme

Comet Group Plc, Clevedon

Contact: Kate Quigley, Press Contact, phone 0 1275 336 005
Entry title: Training Programme for Customer Service Agents in Electrical Retail Sector

Foxes Academy, Minehead

Contact: Sharon Bowden, Press Contact, phone 0 1643 708 529
Entry title: Hospitality & Catering Qualifications for Learners with Learning Disabilities

Highways Agency – Traffic Learning Centre, Bristol

Contact: Laura Bird, Press Contact, phone 0 117 372 6129
Entry title: Management of Road Incidents Training for Traffic Officers

Maggi Rowan, Langport

Contact: Maggi Rowan, Project Manager, phone 01458 252 775
Entry title: Complimentary therapies to support people with mental distress

MOD (Directorate of Defence Commercial Policy), Bristol in partnership with **DaLearning, Bristol and Logicacmg Training Centre, Bristol**

MOD Contact: Howard Rhoades, Press Contact, phone 0207 218 4002
DaLearning Contact: Miss Cheryl Clarke, Press Contact, phone 0117 974 8330
Logicacmg Training Centre Contact: Nicky Rich, Press Contact, phone 0207 446 1450
Entry title: Training for acquisition commercial officers

The Roman Baths, Bath

Contact: Patricia Dunlop, Press Contact, phone 01225 477759
Entry title: Training to maintain performance during change

Notes to Editors

About National Training Awards

- The National Training Awards are awarded to those who have achieved lasting success through exceptionally effective training. Anyone or any organisation that has benefited from training can enter the awards. This year there were 727 entries and 232 finalists.
- Type of Awards
 - Regional Training Awards (unlimited) – These awards are given to entries who have demonstrated *outstanding* achievement in their region.
 - Regional UK National Training Awards – These awards (maximum of one winner per category in each region) are given to entries who have demonstrated *outstanding* and *exceptional* achievement through training and development.
- The National Training Awards entry categories are:
 - Large Employers (over 250 employees)
 - Medium Employers (50-249 employees)
 - Small Employers (1-49 employees)
 - Providers of Education and Training
 - Partnerships and Collaborations
 - Individuals
- The National Training Awards operates throughout the UK. UK Skills manages the Awards on behalf of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills and in partnership with:
 - Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland
 - The Welsh Assembly Government
 - Scottish Government / Skills Development Scotland
- The premier sponsor of the National Training Awards is City & Guilds. The Awards are also supported by Investors in People.
- Of this year's winners, 47 are working on projects for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games and 131 have signed up to the governments Skills Pledge, a voluntary, public commitment to develop employees basic skills and work towards relevant qualifications to at least Level 2.
- To find out more visit www.nationaltrainingawards.com

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