



Leading learning and skills



SOMERSET'S

CHAMPIONS

OF LEARNING

AWARDS 2008



INTRODUCTION

Somerset's Champions of Learning Awards will take place for the sixth consecutive year at the Holiday Inn, Taunton on 27 March 2008. The event is now firmly placed as THE celebration of learning for all ages in the County. We are now looking for nominations for 2008 and expect a strong response to each award category.

As you will see from this brochure there are nine award categories and we have a deadline of 25 January 2008 for your nominations. The nominations will be carefully considered by a panel of judges chaired by Peter Renshaw, Chief Executive of Connexions Somerset 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 please contact Nina Hurst-Jones on 01278 726169.

We look forward to your nominations!

Sally House
Partnership Director
Learning and Skills Council
Dorset and Somerset



AWARD CATEGORIES

CHAMPIONS OF
LEARNING 2008

2007 WINNERS



Jane Canham
Nominated by Bridgwater College

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.



Michael Westlake
Nominated by Bridgwater College

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

To recognise a young person aged 16-25 who has demonstrated exceptional personal achievement in work based learning and development. This category is open to those who have, since January 2007, completed or are currently undertaking an LSC supported Apprenticeship.



Janet Binding
Nominated by Bridgwater College

GOLDEN LEARNER

Proving that age is not a barrier to learning. This category is for those over the age of 65 who have continued or returned to learning and who are, and have been, an outstanding example of achievement.



Valerie Lambert
Nominated by Tone Leisure

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.

2007 WINNERS



Lucy Degregorio
Nominated by Strode 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.



Ben Cornock-Stark
Nominated by AgustaWestland

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.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO BENEFIT THE LEARNER

Have you or your organisation helped reduce the barriers to learning achievement by working with other organisations? Have you improved the quality, range and accessibility of learning provision to ensure that learners have the right level of support to keep them motivated?



Carol Haydon
Nominated by AgustaWestland

YOUNG LEARNER OF THE YEAR

For individuals aged 14-19 years of age who have made a major learning achievement in any field. Teenagers face some tough decisions and in doing so they may have overcome adversity, and/or exceeded their personal learning goals.

NEW AWARD FOR 2008

BUSINESS AWARD

New for 2008 is the 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.



2007 AWARDS EVENING



NOMINATION FORM

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

1. The form **must** be completed and signed by the **nominator**.
2. The **nominee must** complete their relevant section, sign and date the release statement on the back page of this form.
3. Details should be typed or written in **black or blue** ink.
4. If nominees are unable to sign the form personally, they may elect a person to do so on their behalf.
5. Nominees **may be** entered for more than one award category, **BUT** each category must be entered in the **Awards Category(s) Box** below.
6. If verification is required we will contact the nominator.
7. Any questions about this form should be addressed to **Nina Hurst-Jones, Champions of Learning Awards 2008, Pearl House, Church Street, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 5AT**
8. The awards **are only available** to Somerset based: learners, managers, teachers, tutors, trainers, mentors, employers and learning providers.
9. 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.
10. All nominations must be submitted on an **official nomination form**.
11. **Nominations are accepted via email, fax or post. Closing deadline 5.00pm, 25th January 2008**



NOMINEE PERSONAL DETAILS

Nominee Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone No

Age on 5th April 2008

Award Category(s), please list all that you are entering

Please tick as appropriate

I do not wish to be entered into the Golden Learner category (for those aged 65 or over on 5th April 2008)

I do not wish to be entered into the Young Learner of the Year category (for Apprentice category only)

NOMINEE'S STATEMENT

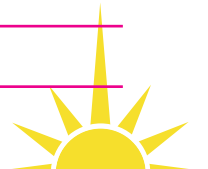


What do you feel your/your group's main achievements are?

How has your/your group's learning improved your life, or the life of others?

How will your/your group's achievements benefit or inspire others?

Please add any other information to support your nomination.





EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

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(To be completed by the nominee)

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-Caribbean

White other European Asian-Bangladeshi Asian other Black-British

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

NOMINEE'S RELEASE STATEMENT

The nominee should read the completed form carefully. They should then read and sign the following declaration.

I am aware that I have been nominated for the CHAMPIONS OF LEARNING AWARDS 2008.

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

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 agree that the information can be used for publicity purposes.

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

I understand that: The Award's organisers and sponsors (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.

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, 25th January 2008 to:

Nina Hurst-Jones, Champions of Learning Awards 2008, Pearl House, Church Street, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 5AT
Telephone: 01278 726169 Fax: 01278 453775 Email: nina.hurst-jones@prospects.co.uk

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