

Lion Awards 2017



About the Lion Awards

As part of the City & Guilds Group, we believe in a world where people and organisations have the confidence and capabilities to prosper, today and in the future.

City & Guilds sets the standard for skills that transform lives and we believe it's important to celebrate outstanding achievements.

The Lion Awards is City & Guilds' most prestigious annual awards show, acting as the grand finale to the Medals for Excellence programme. The programme has run for over 100 years to recognise success amongst our learners and tutors. This year we have awarded 85 Medals for Excellence both in the UK and internationally. As well as being awarded with a medal, each medal winner was eligible to win one of our coveted Lion Award trophies.

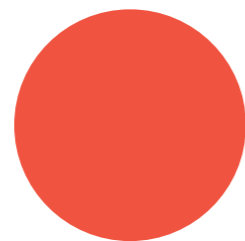
In addition to acknowledging the best of the best among our individual medal winners, the Lion Awards recognises the outstanding achievement of City & Guilds' centres around the world.

Lion Awards hosts

Television presenter Louise Minchin joins City & Guilds MD, Kirstie Donnelly MBE for the Lion Awards, to offer an insight into her own career journey and to help present the trophies.



This year's Medals for Excellence winners



Adesh Ramlogan
Automation Technology College Ltd

Alexander Manville
Warwickshire College

Alice Rouillon
Trafford College Altrincham

Alys Evans
Coleg y Cymoedd

Amy Vaughan
Plumpton College

Andrew Joye
Rycotewood Furniture Centre

Anita Campbell
ODP - Premier Partnership

Annabel Rowlinson
Canine Studies College

Aruna Priyantha Kahanda Kahandge Don
Aps International Networks (Pvt) Ltd

Atia Saeed
SERCO Limited

Aung Pyae Phyoo
TECH Engineering Business Management School

Ben Croft
Oaklands College, St Albans

Bethany Perring
Skills To Group Limited

Brian Calvert
Advocacy Consultancy Training & Supervision Ltd

Bryar Cookson
Waikato Institute Of Technology

Carlo Sobingsobing
International Centre for Culinary Arts
Dubai

Caroline Dillon
Workforce Training Services Ltd

Chloe Thompson
North Lancs Training Group Ltd

Crystal Elwell
North Lancs Training Group Ltd

Damian Taitt
Automation Technology College Ltd

Daneshwaran s/o Krishnasamy
School of Skills

Dawn Brannigan
YMCA Training, Salford

Deborah Mullins
North East Lincolnshire Council
Community Learning Services

Deidre McKeown
Waikato Institute of Technology

Deniz Ayranci
MSA

Eileen Canavan
Southern Regional College Kilkeel Newry
& Greenbank Campuses

Emily Bucknall
Loughborough College

Emily Jameson
Bridgwater and Taunton College

Emma Turner
L.I.T.E. Ltd

Gary Payne
Royal Engineers Vocational Qualifications

Harry Howard
North Lancs Training Group Ltd

Holly Hackney
Chichester College

Jasmine Buchanan
Access Training (East Midlands) Ltd

Jessica Omar
Bishop Burton College

Jill Smith
Coleg Cambria

Joanna Harker
Missenden Abbey Adult Learning Centre

Joanne McKenna
Donegal ETB Letterkenny Training Centre

Jonathan Doherty
Derry Youth and Community Workshop

Julia Smith
Manygates Adult Education Centre

Kartheepan Sathanathan
Aps International Networks (Pvt) Ltd

Kathleen Chan
Professional Skills Academy

Kayleigh Atkinson
North Lancs Training Group Ltd

Kelby Pierpoint
Positive Outcomes Ltd

Khin Than Myint
Dual Tech

Kirk Thomas
Automation Technology College Ltd

Kristen Henderson
Lakefield

Kurtus Auty
Selby College

Lee Hon Long
Despark Auto (Melaka) Sdn Bhd

Lee Taylor
Newark College

Loreen Muriel Mendoza
Lakefield

Lyn Evans
Bridgend College

Marina Sloan
Advice NI

Mark Gareth Williams
Highlands College

Martin Donaldson
Aspire, Achieve, Advance Ltd

Mathew Logan
Royal Engineers Vocational Qualification

Merizle Mitrovich
Institute Of Culinary Arts

Michael Harris
Royal Engineers Vocational Qualification

Mohd Sallehuddin Bin Jasmin
Despark Auto (Melaka) Sdn Bhd

Muhammad Ahmer Ayoob
The Hunar Foundation Hajiani Ashfaf
Khatoon Technical (STC Karachi)

Nadie Rohana Bernadge
Sri Lanka Telecom

Nanthini Shivarupen
Aps International Networks (Pvt) Ltd

Nazar Dmiuterko
The Building Crafts College

Nigel Johnson
The Gill Payne Partnership Ltd

Oliver Wise
Petroc

Pooban Shivagar Rajendra
Aps International Networks (Pvt) Ltd

Pubudu Rasanka Wijerathna
Sri Lanka Telecom

Ranpati Devage Ayantha Chathurasiri
Sri Lanka Telecom

Rizwan Ali Shah
The Hunar Foundation Hajiani Ashfaf
Khatoon Technical (STC Karachi)

Russell Wood
Warrington Collegiate Institute

Sandesh Naik
The London School of Picture
& Frame Restoration

Sandra Rona Hughes
Herefordshire and Ludlow College

Sean Nason
Irish Prison Service Headquarters
(Cork Prison)

Shaman Supun Christus Sahabandu
Sri Lanka Telecom

Stacie Woodford
JET Hairdressing Academy

Stephanie Randell
Chichester College

Steven Croucher
Barnfield College

Stuart Wilson
Accrington & Rossendale College

Tiffany Fulcher
Positive Outcomes Ltd

Tiffany Lawrence
Lifelong Learning Services (LLS)

Toby Crabtree
North Lancs Training Group Ltd

Tracey Jones
Kingston College

Tracy Ward
ODP - Premier Partnership

Veronika Minasianc
McDonald's Restaurants of Ireland

Victor Walsh
Coleg Cambria – Deeside

Yap Chin Yan
Despark Auto (Melaka) Sdn Bhd

UK Learner of the Year (not in employment)



Amy Vaughan

Level 3 Diploma in Floristry
Plumpton College
Nominated by Sue Maguire, Plumpton College

Amy's highly developed skills in floristry led her to achieve distinctions in all of her assessments during her qualification with some very creative and innovative work. Her energy, determination and passion for the craft saw her lead a team to first place in a national competition at Covent Garden Flower market. Since qualifying, Amy has trained to become a teacher herself and last year she started her own business, Amyzing Flowers.

Shortlist:

Alice Rouillon
VRQ Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects,
Hair & Media Make-up
Nominated by Lauren Plumb, Trafford College Altrincham

Deborah Mullins
Level 3 Certificate in Textiles
Nominated by Christopher Lillywhite, North East Lincolnshire
Council Community Learning Services

Nazar Dmiuterko
Level 3 Diploma in Stonemasonry
Nominated by Nigel Gilkison, The Building Crafts College

International Learner of the Year (not in employment)



Joanne McKenna

Software Testing
Nominated by Paul Herron, Donegal ETB
Letterkenny Training Centre

Joanne started her course in software programming and testing with very little knowledge of computing. However, her organisational skills and determination to succeed shone through, and she excelled on the course. A work placement at a small software development company in Letterkenny gave her the break she needed and she grasped the opportunity with both hands. Joanne applied her new skills to the job and impressed her employers so much, they decided to keep her on.

Shortlist:

Shaman Supun Christus Sahabandu
Level 3 Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Nominated by K P W Asiri Indika, Sri Lanka Telecom

UK Tutor of the Year



Lyn Evans

Bridgend College
Nominated by Sarah Allen

Lyn's passion for, and knowledge of, conservation have made him an exceptional lecturer in Countryside Management and Environmental Conservation Management at Bridgend College. He and his learners manage a 110 acre campus, which has given the students some invaluable real life experience. The work he has carried out with his students has been instrumental in the college achieving some prestigious awards including Sustainable College of the Year.

Shortlist:

Eileen Canavan
Southern Regional College Kilkeel Newry
& Greenbank Campuses
Nominated by Mairead Ruddle

Steven Croucher
Barnfield College
Nominated by David Lowe

Victor Walsh
Coleg Cambria – Deeside
Nominated by Gareth Phillips

International Tutor of the Year



Sean Nason

Irish Prison Service Headquarters
(Cork Prison)
Nominated by Francis McMahon

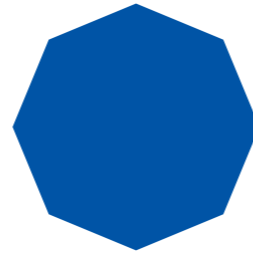
Sean's extensive knowledge of the building trade has made him instrumental in creating the City & Guilds Construction programme at Cork Prison. Many of his trainees have literacy problems but thanks to his patience, perseverance and passion, Sean has helped them achieve their qualifications against the odds. He commands respect from his trainees, and returns it with diligent, personalised training which builds their confidence alongside their skills, and helps to ensure that they will have a future outside the prison.

Shortlist

Merizle Mitrovich
Institute of Culinary Arts, South Africa
Nominated by Letitia Prinsloo

Muhammad Ahmer Ayooob
The Hunar Foundation Hajiani Ashfaf Khatoon Technical
(STC Karachi)
Nominated by Abdul Malik Nizamani

Pubudu Rasanka Wijerathna
Sri Lanka Telecom
Nominated by K P W Asiri Indika



Apprentice of the Year



Toby Crabtree

Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Management
Nominated by Charlotte Yeoman, North Lancs Training Group

Toby is a valued employee at Mi-Flues, a manufacturer and distributor of flues and chimney installation parts, where he worked his way up to Warehouse Manager in just 8 years. Using skills he developed during his apprenticeship, Toby's impressive management of his own warehouse led to his management asking him to apply his systems to their other branches. Under his highly efficient supervision and the use of his very own handbook - 'King Toby's Bumper Book' – Toby ensures his team keep everything running smoothly in his absence.

Shortlist:

Bethany Perring

Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
Nominated by Dave Shurmer, Skills To Group Limited

Jessica Omar

Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care and Management (Coaching)
Nominated by Elizabeth Bainbridge, Bishop Burton College

Yap Chin Yan

Level 3 IVQ Advanced Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
Nominated by Jensen Ong, Despark Auto

UK Learner of the Year (in employment)



Jill Smith

Level 3 Award in Education and Training
Nominated by Rachel Whitton, Coleg Cambria

Jill already had own hair and beauty salon when she came up with the idea to create a social enterprise to help young people with additional needs to be able to train and get work experience. To back up her enterprise she sought formal training to improve her teaching skills. Jill clearly had a gift for teaching and she was determined to see her vision through. Not only has she created a brilliant opportunity for those young adults to gain independence and transferable skills but she is also continuing to develop her own skills as a teacher and assessor.

Shortlist

Ben Croft

Level 4 NVQ in Amenity Horticulture Management (Sports Turf)
Nominated by Andrew Wight, Oaklands College

Brian Calvert

Level 3 Diploma in Independent Advocacy
Nominated by Evelyn Smoldon, Advocacy Consultancy Training & Supervision Ltd

Joanna Harker

Level 3 Diploma in Design and Craft - Stitched Textiles (Embroidery)
Nominated by Janet Edmonds, Missenden Abbey Adult Learning Centre

Nigel Johnson

Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
Nominated by Gill Payne, The Gill Payne Partnership

International Learner of the Year (in employment)



Atia Saeed

Level 2 NVQ in Rail Services (Passenger Services)
Nominated by Marie Nangan, SERCO (Dubai)

Once Atia had completed her induction and technical training programmes with Serco, she started on-the-job training as a Station Master at Stadium Metro Station. One of the aspects of her training was to produce videos for the Passenger Services department to help others understand ongoing projects. She excelled, and she was promoted to Multimedia Artist, producing training videos and covering special events at the station. Atia has used her own initiative to develop her skills, taking part in competitions and forums where she can learn from others outside her organisation.

Shortlist

Carlo Sobingsobing

Level 2 Diploma in Food Preparation and Cooking (Culinary Arts) - IVQ
Nominated by Sunjeh Raja, International Centre for Culinary Arts (Dubai)





UK Centre of the Year

Nottingham College



Nottingham College is deeply committed to standardisation in order to provide its learners with a consistent and high quality learning experience. Staff participate in a wide range of activities which are designed to make sure they continue to deliver the best standard of teaching, monitored by a rigorous calendar of quality checks. It's 'Tooled Up!' initiative allows its teams to share resources and strategies for best practice to make sure that the learner experience meets the college's exacting standards. In a learner satisfaction survey, their achieved marks in excess of ninety percent on all criteria so efforts are clearly valued by its students.

Shortlist

North Lancs Training Group
Remit Training

International Centre of the Year

SERCO, Dubai



Among the facilities enjoyed by the students at SERCO are the centre's new Learning and Development Library which opened last November. The idea was to create a site where learners could be close to their tutors' base and also have access to materials to support their training and research. It is a quiet place for study and reflection, stocked with both technical reading matter and fiction, and providing internet access for students. It's just one of the innovations that impressed our judges and sees SERCO named as our International Centre of the Year.

International Centre of the Year – Regional Awards

Africa

International Hotel School

Asia Pacific

Cilantro

South Asia

Amantech

Middle East

SERCO

People's Choice Award



Holly Hackney

Level 3 Animal Management

Nominated by Nikki Gilbey, Chichester College

Holly is passionate about her subject and works tirelessly to share this enthusiasm with learners. She always puts her students at the centre of all she does and encourages them to push themselves beyond their own expectations. She uses external speakers, trips and events to link learning to potential employment, and to put her teaching in a global context. This approach means that she is always encouraging students to identify the learning opportunities that exist beyond college or other formal education providers, empowering them to become learner champions in their own right.

Shortlist

Aung Pyae Phyo

Level 5 IVQ Advanced Technician Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Nominated by TECH Engineering Business Management School, Myanmar

Khin Than Myint

Technician Diploma in Construction – Theory

Nominated by Dual Tech, Myanmar

Kurtus Auty

Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery

Nominated by Shelley Bratton, Selby College

Alys Evans

Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery

Nominated by Paula Marsh, Coleg y Cymoedd

Outstanding Achiever of the Year



Sandesh Naik

Level 2 Certificate in Design and Craft - Conservation and Restoration

Nominated by Caterina Goodhart, The London School of Picture and Frame Restoration

Sandesh was faced with some severe barriers to overcome in order to pursue his passion for art. Told that art was for wealthy students who did not need to work, he managed to fund his studies by painting murals for hotels at night, props for Carnival, the gates of temples and any other work he could find, but he never gave up. When the London School of Picture and Frame Restoration's charity project arrived in Goa, he discovered an opportunity which would change his life. Shy and uncertain at first, Sandesh's skills and resilience shone through. For him, the chance to help preserve some of the most prized art in his homeland, was worth every obstacle in his path, including surviving on just two hours sleep a night in order to work on commissions so that he could fund his studies. Through the project, he has not only learned new skills, and demonstrated his outstanding abilities, but he has been introduced to a career path which will secure his future.

Shortlist

Kurtus Auty

Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery

Nominated by Shelley Bratton, Selby College

Lee Hon Long

Level 3 IVQ Advanced Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Nominated by Jensen Ong, Despark Auto (Melaka)

Tracey Jones

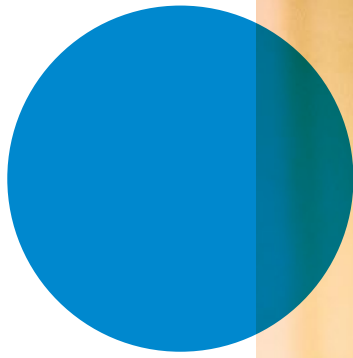
Level 3 Diploma for Legal Secretaries

Nominated by Jenny Hands, Kingston College

Tracy Ward

Level 3 Operational Delivery (Advanced)

Nominated by John Fowler, ODP - Premier Partnership



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The Lion Awards is a great example of what we can achieve when we work together. Testament to this is the phenomenal team of people who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the Lion Awards is a memorable event.

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