LEARNERS FIRST 2008

Employer Award

This award category seeks to acknowledge employers commitment to developing their employees through Apprenticeships, first NVQ Level 2’s for Adults and/or Skills for Life. It is an opportunity to for a company to showcase their involvement and contribution, highlighting the business benefits to be gained from a commitment to work based learning. Only organisations who have signed the Skills Pledge are eligible for this award.
EMPLOYER AWARD – GUIDANCE NOTES

Entering the Awards

Please read the guidance notes under each section when considering your responses. These will help you by indicating the nature and depth of information that is required.

Please complete all sections clearly. Please type your nomination onto the downloadable form which is available on our website at: nes.lsc.gov.uk

The last date for receipt of entries is 25 January 2008. Entries received after this date will not be considered.

Please email all completed forms to Nicci Garlick at:

nicci@learnersfirstawards.com

Please refer all enquiries to Nicci by email or on 020 7802 5340

The organisers cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of any entry. All nomination forms will be acknowledged within 7 working days. Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered.

All entries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Selecting the Winners

The judges will look for applications that demonstrate the following:

1. Commitment
   a. to the Skills Pledge
   b. embedding training into the ethos of the company
   c. Range/number of Apprenticeship frameworks, Train to Gain and/or Skills for Life qualifications supported
   d. To future training and development
2. Innovation - Are new approaches and ideas being developed and / or presented?
3. Relationship with the NES, LSC and Stakeholder Organisations – How have you worked in partnership with organisations including the NES, LSC, Sector Skills Councils, Providers and Colleges etc to develop and implement your programme.
4. Business Benefits - How has the business been able to improve, grow, survive as a result of training? What quantifiable benefits can be seen?
5. What Next? - What are your plans for the future development and growth of your programme?

Applications should be comprehensive and easy for the judges to understand. Answer all questions in sufficient detail to allow the judges to make a fair assessment of your application.