



Neath Port Talbot
Adult Learning Network
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Neath Port Talbot

Adult Learner of The Year Awards 2014

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Part of Adult Learners' Week 14 -22 June 2014

Nomination Form

All nomination forms must be completed and returned
by 2 May 2014

Introduction



Neath Port Talbot
Castell-nedd Port Talbot
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Introduction

I am delighted to announce that again this year we will be holding the Neath Port Talbot Adult Learner of the Year Awards.

Adult Learning is an important part of the Local Authority services, delivering learning in communities across Neath Port Talbot.

The Awards have become the highlight of our Adult Learning calendar. It is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the significant achievements of adults who have taken the decision to return to learning.

The Awards Ceremony will be held during Adult Learners' Week on the evening of Thursday, 19 June 2014 at the Margam Orangery, Port Talbot.

I would like to express my thanks to the wide range of sponsors who have come forward to help make the Awards a reality.

Nominating a Learner

Nominating a candidate for the Awards is easy. If you would like to nominate someone who you think deserves recognition, please complete this Nomination Form and return to us by 2 May 2014.

I look forward to seeing their nominations.

Aled Evans
Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning,
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

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Part 1 Guidance Notes

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What are we looking for?

Individual Learners

We are looking for people whose learning achievements will inspire others to return to learning, who have improved their lives and/or the lives of others, and gained a positive or life-changing experience from returning to learning.

Learning Groups

We are looking to promote the benefits of adults learning and working together towards a collective goal or common purpose.

Learning Families

We want to recognise the potential of adults and children learning together, including all forms of informal and formal learning that involves interaction between the different generations within a family or community.

Tutors

We are looking for mentors, tutors and trainers who are 'outstanding' in their field and give 'over and above' what is expected of them.

Who can make a nomination?

Anyone can nominate an individual, family, group or tutor.

Self-nomination

You may self-nominate if you are a learner, family or group, if self-nominating you must fill in the support statement in part 4.

Tutor nomination

Tutors must not nominate themselves or initiate the process.

A statement of support must accompany your nomination (Part 4). Your supporter could be a friend, a member of your family or a tutor. Someone who has knowledge about your learning or tutoring and the difference it has made to your life, or the lives of others.

Who is eligible for an award?

Entry is open to learners who are either living and/or studying within the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

Individual Learners

Any adult over 19 on 24th March 2014 who may not be a current learner, but who has undertaken learning at some point since 24th March 2011 and/or have had a break of at least 3 years from full-time study.

Community Groups

3 or more adults over 19 years on 24th March 2014

Families/Intergenerational Learning

Two or more individuals from different generations of a family or community, at least one of whom should be an adult aged 19 or over on 8th February 2013.

Tutors

Nominations are invited from ALL sectors of adult learning provision - statutory or voluntary, formal or informal training or education and different modes of study including distance learning. Nominations for full-time and part-time mentors, tutors and trainers are welcome.

Previous winners of a Learner Award are ineligible to be entered for the same award again.

What is the closing date for the entries?

Friday 2nd May 2014

Part 2 Award Categories

Tick the box; you may take more than one category.

For a learner category of the Adult Learner

- ☐ **Active Learning for Health & Well-being** *Sponsored by Taibach Gym*
Someone who has improved their health and/or fitness through returning to learning
- ☐ **Employee in Learning**
An employee who has benefited from learning in the workplace
- ☐ **Essential Skills for Life Learner** *Sponsored by Regional Essential Skills*
Someone who has made an exceptional improvement in their literacy, numeracy, IT or language skills including ESOL
- ☐ **Family/Intergenerational** *Sponsored by NPT Council for Voluntary Service*
For learning within a family group and/or an intergenerational (ie unrelated) group for mutual benefit.
- ☐ **Young Adult Learner** *Sponsored by Skewen Voluntary Group*
For learners aged between 16 - 25
- ☐ **Older Learner**
For learners aged 65+
- ☐ **Further Education Learner** *Sponsored by NPTC Group*
For learning within FE institutions
- ☐ **Community Learner**
For learners undertaking learning within the community
- ☐ **Higher Education Learner** *Sponsored by DACE*
For learning within HE institutions
- ☐ **Most Enterprising Learner** *Sponsored by Buffoon Film & Media Ltd*
For learners who have used their learning in an enterprising way
- ☐ **Progression To Management Learner** *Sponsored by Harsco*
For learners who have advanced their careers through learning
- ☐ **Communities First Learner** *Sponsored by Communities First in NPT*
For learners who have undertaken learning in a Communities First¹ area
- ☐ **Wales Union Learning Fund Learner** *Sponsored by WULF*
For those participating in learning with the support of the Wales Union Learning Fund

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☐ **Tutor of the Year**

For tutors/trainers who are outstanding in their field and give 'over and above' what is required of them

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Adult Learner of the Year Award

(Chosen from each Category Award winner)
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Please remember, it is in your nominee's interest for you to provide as clear and rounded a picture of their background and success as possible. What you can tell us on this form will be crucial to the selection panel's decision, so be as detailed as you can.

Part 3 Nominee Details

IMPORTANT: Please read the following

Highlighting Award winners is a key part of encouraging others to continue or return to learning. The information you send us about your nominee may be presented in the public domain.

If you think any of the information you are supplying to us could cause embarrassment or discomfort to the award winner if it is announced, you may decide it is safer not to include it on the nomination form.

Please note you are required to obtain the nominee's signature to confirm that all information supplied to us is true and accurate and can be used for publicity purposes.

Data Protection Statement

The information you have provided will only be used in conjunction with the Neath Port Talbot Adult Learner of the Year Awards and will not be disclosed to third parties.

Individual nominee, family or group details

Please write your individual as 'first name, surname' or family/group name. Please leave a space between each word.

We cannot be held responsible for names spelt incorrectly

Address: _____

Town: _____ County: _____

Post Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone No: _____ Mobile: _____

Age: (N/A group Families) _____ D.O.B _____

Learning Provider: _____

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO US BY 2 May 2014

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THEODORE ROAD
PORT TALBOT SA13 1SP

Or by e-mail: m.jackson@npt.gov.uk

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Part 4 Nominator's Statement

To be completed by the NOMINATOR – Please type or write your answers below in black ink.

ALL NOMINEES MUST BE AWARE THAT THEY ARE BEING NOMINATED & WILLING TO TALK TO THE MEDIA ABOUT THEIR LEARNING.

In no more than 300 words, this is your opportunity to tell us why your nominee deserves to win an award. What learning has he/she/they undertaken? How have their lives and/or those of their families and communities changed as a result? What have they achieved? Why are they inspirational? (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)

Nominator's details

Full Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ County: _____

Post Code: _____ Day time Phone No: _____

Mobile: _____ E-mail: _____

Please indicate your relationship to the nominated individual, group or family

Employer	Tutor	Carer	Friend	Self
Mentor	Other (please state)	_____		

Part 5 Nominee Statement

This section is not compulsory but it is your opportunity to tell us how your learning experience has changed your life. Information supplied may benefit your nomination. What messages do you have to inspire others to return to learning? Where do you think your learning journey will take you next?

The following sentences should be read and signed by the Nominee. If this is a Group nomination, 3 members are required to sign. If it is a Family nomination, 1 member over the age of 19 is required to sign. Please delete optional wording as appropriate.

- I/We have read and understood what has been written about myself, my group or my family in this nomination and confirm these are true and accurate statements
- I/We agree to be nominated for a Neath Port Talbot Adult Learner of the Year Awards.
- I/We understand that publicity arising from this nomination can be used for Adult Learners' Week
- I/We agree to be photographed/filmed

Signature - All nominees	Signature - Groups Only	Signature - Groups Only
Date:	Date:	Date:

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