



Project Awards Information for nominees

Festival of Learning Awards

Festival of Learning is a campaign led by Learning and Work Institute (www.learningandwork.org.uk) that celebrates learning and aims to engage more adults in learning. Festival of Learning Awards are a central part of this, showcasing the wide-ranging impacts learning has on individuals, families, communities and employers.

More information about Festival of Learning is on our website:
www.festivaloflearning.org.uk

These are the answers to some frequently asked questions from project nominees.

What kind of learning provision is eligible for a Project award?

Nominations are open to any adult learning projects, groups or learning provision based in England where at least two months of the project/provision's activity has taken place between 1 January 2018 and 12 February 2019. The project/provision must provide learning opportunities for adults who are aged 18 or over.

Who can nominate a project for an award?

Anyone who is familiar with the project or provision, for example project staff members, learners, volunteers or representatives from partner organisations. If the nominator is not the person who has overall responsibility for the project/provision (eg the project manager or organisation CEO) then the nominator will need to seek their permission before submitting the nomination.

What is the process for being nominated?

The nominator will need to complete a nomination form which tells us about the learning provision, the impacts on the learners, and how and why the project/provision stands out. The nomination will also need to include a statement from one or more of the learners about why they think the project/provision deserves an award.

Once the nomination form has been completed, the nominator should submit it to the Festival of Learning team. The final deadline for this is Tuesday 12 February 2019. All nominations are then reviewed and winners for a range of awards are selected.

What information needs to be provided in the written statements?

There are three written statements that the nominator needs to complete plus one from a learner, as follows:

Part A: (up to 400 words) Please tell us about the project/provision you are nominating including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The aim and objectives of the project and provision.• Who the learners are.• The learning activities that take place (eg what, where, how often).
Part B: (up to 500 words) What difference has the project/provision made to the learners? Please provide evidence and examples, and explain how impact is monitored and evaluated.
Part C: (up to 300 words) Why does this project/provision stand out? For example <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is remarkable about this project/provision? What makes it stand out as exceptional?• Have there been any wider impacts of the project/provision, for example on the local community?• How is this project/provision innovative?
Part D: Learner statement (up to 300 words) Please include at least one testimony from a learner about the difference the learning has made to them and why they think the project/provision deserves a Festival of Learning award. Please include the name/s of the learner/s providing the testimony.

When will I know if the project has won an award?

We will notify all award winners and their nominators by 12 April 2019.

What happens if the project wins an award?

If the project/provision is selected as an award winner, someone from the Festival of Learning team will contact you by 12 April 2019. We will announce award winners publicly in June 2019. Between April and June 2019, we will be preparing for the announcement of award winners including writing profiles to include in an award winners profile book, and producing some short films.

Where can I find examples of previous award winners?

The 2016, 2017 and 2018 award winners' stories are on our website:

<https://www.festivaloflearning.org.uk/our-award-winners/>

I have a question that hasn't been answered here.

If you have any questions that haven't been answered here you can ask your nominator, or contact the Festival of Learning team either at fol@learningandwork.org.uk or on 0116 204 4239 where you can leave a short message. We will respond to emails and telephone messages as soon as possible (usually within one working day).