



Individual Learner 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

Being nominated for an award

Being nominated for an award is a great achievement in itself – so congratulations! The person nominating you thinks you deserve recognition for your achievements and that your story of learning could inspire others.

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

What is the process for being nominated?

Your nominator will need to complete a nomination form which tells us a bit about you and your learning journey and achievements. This nomination form will include some statements from you, telling us in your own words about your learning and the difference it has made in your life. More information about the statements is below.

Once the nomination form has been completed, your nominator will submit it to the Festival of Learning team. The final deadline for this is Tuesday 9 February 2021. All nominations are then reviewed and winners for a range of awards are selected.

What do I need to write about in my statements?

The nomination form for individual learners asks for three statements from you, the nominee:

Part A: (up to 150 words)

Please tell us about your learning journey, including:

- What you have learned? Where did the learning take place? When did the learning take place?
- What you are currently learning and what learning you plan to do in the future.

Part B: (up to 200 words)

Please tell us about why you have done this learning e.g.

- What was your motivation?
- What did you hope to achieve?

Part C: (up to 300 words)

Please tell us about the difference that your learning has made. This might include:

- how it has made a difference to you personally (e.g. to your physical or mental health, your job or career, your confidence and self-esteem etc)
- (if relevant) how it has made a difference to your family and/or friends
- (if relevant) how it has made a difference to your community or had a wider social impact.

Can I get help to write my statements?

Yes! You can get help from your nominator or someone else (for example a family member, friend, support worker, tutor) to help you write your statements. Talk to your nominator about how you would prefer your statements to be put together. For example, you might prefer to write them yourself or you might prefer to talk about your learning with someone who can then write the statement with you or for you.

When will I know if I have won an award?

We will notify all award winners and their nominators by 26 March 2021.

What happens if I win an award?

If you are selected as an award winner, someone from the Festival of Learning team will contact you by 26 March 2021 to let you know. We will announce award winners publicly in June 2021.

Between March and June 2020, we will be preparing for the announcement of award winners including writing a profile about you to include in an award winners booklet, and producing a short film about your learning journey. We will not share any information about you without your permission.

Where can I find examples of previous award winners?

The 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 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 at fol@learningandwork.org.uk or 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).