



Learning provision 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 an award?

Nominations are open to any adult learning projects, partnerships, groups or learning provision based in England where at least two months of the project/provision's activity has taken place between 1 January 2020 and 9 February 2021. The project/provision must provide learning opportunities for adults who are aged 18 or over.

Who can nominate learning provision for an award?

Anyone who is familiar with the project or provision, for example staff members, learners, volunteers or representatives from partner organisations. If the nominator is not the person who has overall responsibility for the provision (e.g. 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 provision stands out. The nomination will also need to include a statement from one or more of the learners about why they think the 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 9 February 2021. 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 four written statements that the nominator needs to complete plus one from a learner, as follows:

<p>Part A: (up to 350 words) Please tell us about the provision you are nominating including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The aim and objectives of the provision.• Who the learners are.• The learning activities that take place (e.g. what, where, how often).
<p>Part B: (up to 450 words) What difference has the provision made to the learners? Please provide evidence and examples, and explain how impact is monitored and evaluated.</p>
<p>Part C: (up to 250 words) Why does this provision stand out? For example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is remarkable about this provision? What makes it stand out as exceptional?• Have there been any wider impacts of the provision, for example on the local community?• How is this provision innovative?
<p>Part D: (up to 200 words) Has the learning provision been influenced or affected by lockdowns and pandemic related restrictions? For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has the provision been successfully moved online and if so what has worked well?• Has the learning provision gone above and beyond to support their learners to continue learning during lockdown and if so how?• Have there been any innovative changes to the provision in order to engage new learners or make the teaching more accessible to existing learners
<p>Part D: Learner statement (up to 200 words) Please include at least one testimony from a learner about the difference the learning has made to them and why they think the provision deserves a Festival of Learning award. Please include the name/s of the learner/s providing the testimony.</p>

When will I know if the learning provision has won an award?

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

What happens if the learning provision wins an award?

If the learning provision is selected as an award winner, someone from the Festival of Learning team will contact you by 26 March 2021. We will announce award winners publicly in June 2021. Between March and June 2021, 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 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).