

The CDN College Awards 2017

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I am delighted to announce that the College Awards 2017, delivered by CDN, are now open for entries.

The Awards recognise the talent, skills and achievement of colleges, their staff and their learners.

They provide a valuable opportunity to recognise and celebrate the innovation taking place in colleges across the country. They showcase the impact the sector is having – every day – for our learners, communities, and the wider economy.

This year the Awards will be bigger and better than ever, and we have revised the award categories to reflect key priorities in the sector. The awards categories will be:

- Developing a Regional Curriculum Award
- Digital Education Award
- Employer Connections Award
- Essential Skills Award
- Health Promoting College Award
- Inclusive College Award
- Innovative College Award
- Student Citizenship Award

The deadline for entries is Friday 7 July 2017 and the winners will be announced at the national awards dinner.

We look forward to receiving your entries and we wish you every success. If you would like to discuss the Awards, please do just get in touch at any time.



Jim Metcalfe

Chief Executive

College Development Network (CDN)

Entry Guidelines

Guidelines for Completing Entries

- Entries must be completed using the online Awards Entry Form and submitted via email. An email receipt will be issued for each entry received.
- All entries must have the approval of the college Principal.
- Entries must relate to an activity which took place in the academic year 2016–2017.
- **Please note only one entry per category per college will be accepted.**
- The **deadline for entries is Friday 7 July 2017 at 1700**. Late entries will not be accepted.

Judging

- All entries will be considered by an independent panel of judges; the judges' decision is final.
- CDN staff will not be involved in any decisions regarding the judging or the shortlist.
- Three entries will be shortlisted in each category.
- The shortlist will be announced on Friday 1 September 2017.

Award Presentations

The awards ceremony will take place at a black-tie dinner. For more information, please contact Adam Underwood, Events Team Leader on 01786 892103 or email adam.underwood@cdn.ac.uk

Entries are invited in the following categories:

Developing a Regional Curriculum Award

This award recognises how colleges are developing a coherent and relevant curriculum that is responsive to the needs of the region, is learner-focused and aligned to employer demands and sustainability.

Entries should evidence:

- How the curriculum is accessible, demand-led and sustainable
- How the curriculum provides opportunity for more advanced study and exit points for employment
- How the curriculum is learner-focused and contributes to the development of Curriculum for Excellence capacities
- How the curriculum develops school-college partnerships.

[Download Entry Form for Developing a Regional Curriculum Award](#)

Digital Education Award

This award recognises a college that has implemented creative ideas to improve the quality and effectiveness of technology-enhanced learning, teaching and/or assessment practice.

Entries should evidence:

- Creative and enterprising digital approaches in curriculum design, content or delivery
- Scope for ideas to be adapted or transferred to other curricular areas
- A sustainable plan to ensure the longevity of the project
- Collaboration with other departments and/or external partners.

[Download Entry Form for Digital Education Award](#)

Employer Connections Award

This award recognises creative approaches that a college has taken to enhance active and effective engagement activity with employers that supports the ambitions of Developing the Young Workforce. These approaches should demonstrate clear, positive benefits to the employer, stakeholders, staff and learners in colleges as a result of the activity.

Entries should evidence:

- Creative approaches to providing opportunities for learners and staff to engage with employers, and/or develop more productive partnerships with employers
- Approaches that drive and develop enhanced relationships between employers and education which develops and sustains effective work experience and placement opportunities
- Personal and professional development opportunities for college staff through effective engagement with employers
- Impact of employer and college business benefits through bespoke training solutions that directly meet employer business needs.

[Download Entry Form for Employer Connections Award](#)

Essential Skills Award

This award recognises a college that has embraced one or more of the opportunities presented by the Essential Skills Statement of Ambition. This could be introducing an additional focus on essential and employability skills to support student progression into further or higher study or into employment or self-employment. The focus on essential skills development must ensure that students articulate and demonstrate their skills, and the potential to utilise these skills in different contexts.

Entries should evidence:

- Imaginative approaches to developing essential skills, such as learning and teaching approaches, or through, for example, projects, events, volunteering or competitions
- Potential for the approaches to be adapted or transferred to other curricular areas
- The development of essential skills that are relevant to the regional or national skills gap, or the predominant regional employment market
- Development of relevant digital skills which meet the needs of today's employers.

[Download Entry Form for Essential Skills Award](#)

Health Promoting College Award

This award recognises a college that has made a significant contribution in addressing the health and wellbeing needs of its staff and students.

Entries should evidence:

- A strategic approach for supporting health improvement activity within the college setting
- Health improvement initiatives which are proactive in their response and are sustainable
- Health improvement initiatives which recognise different dimensions of health including physical, emotional and mental health
- How these initiatives have impacted individually and collectively on staff and student resilience, motivation and performance.

[Download Entry Form for Health Promoting College Award](#)

Inclusive College Award

This award gives colleges the opportunity to be recognised as an institution that practises inclusiveness to advance equality and promote diversity.

Entries should evidence:

- How the college is empowering others to fulfil their potential and to provide support in ways that foster increasing independence
- How the college is intervening in ways likely to foster good relations and maintain students' and/or staff enthusiasm, motivation and sense of belonging
- How the college is mainstreaming equality in all functions and processes
- How the college is facilitating inclusion in learning environments and in the workplace.

[Download Entry Form for Inclusive College Award](#)

Innovative College Award

This award recognises a college that has shown leadership in taking a business idea from conception to inception, to produce a product or service that satisfies the needs of its customer and stakeholders.

Entries should evidence:

- A sound justification for the product or service
- How college leaders have engaged in partnership working, for example with a Scottish Innovation Centre or industry partner
- How engaging with the process of innovation has enhanced the employability of students.

**Download Entry Form for
Innovative College Award**

Student Citizenship Award

This award recognises an individual student who has made a significant investment of talent and time which has had a positive impact on others within the college and/or in their community.

Entries should evidence:

- The positive impact the student's contribution has made to others in the college and/or the wider community
- The effective development of an idea into a successful venture
- The way the student's determination and sheer hard work has inspired, positively challenged and/or provided a positive role model to others
- An insightful and/or creative approach which contributed to the success of the idea and venture.

**Download Entry Form for
Student Citizenship Award**



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