**Employer Connections Award 2024 Entry Form**

Please return completed entry forms by email to: awards@cdn.ac.uk

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **College** |  |
| **Lead Contact** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Title of Submission** |  |
| **Activity***Please confirm that this entry relates to activity which took place in academic year 2023-24.* | Yes/No *(delete as appropriate)* |
| **Approval***Please confirm that this submission has the approval of the Principal.* | Yes/No *(delete as appropriate)* |
| **Showcase***We like to share college best practice on CDN’s marketing channels, including website, social media and publications.****Please check this box if you are* NOT *happy for this submission to be shared on CDN’s marketing channels.*** [ ]  |
| *We would like to contact you about additional opportunities to showcase and share your submission e.g. future face-to-face/online events; creation of case studies.****Please check this box if you are* NOT *happy for CDN to contact you*** [ ]  |

**Award Criteria**

|  |
| --- |
| This award recognises creative and sustained approaches that a college has taken to enhance active, effective and sustained engagement activity with employers that support the ambitions of The Scottish Government’s Developing the Young Workforce and Skills Strategy. These approaches should demonstrate clear, positive benefits to the employer, stakeholders, staff and learners in colleges and in the workplace 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
* Evidence on how the approach has and will be embedded to ensure long term benefits for learners, employers and staff
* Approaches that drive and develop enhanced relationships between employers, training and education which develop and sustain effective engagement including work experience, placement and/or employment opportunities
* Details on how employer(s) have become central to the planning/design and delivery of learning.  This can include systemic approaches to ensuring employer connections are embedded in the culture across department and College as a whole
* Personal and professional development opportunities for college staff through effective engagement with employers
* Impact of employer and college business benefits which may include bespoke training solutions that directly meet employer business need
* What is unique about this piece of work, why, and what are the aims for the future with it?
 |

Using the box below please summarise your submission (**in no more than 200 words)**

**NB** If your submission is shortlisted, the Executive Summary below will be included in the College Awards 2024 Shortlist Summary booklet (view the 2023 booklet [CDN College Awards 2023 – Interactive Guide (adobe.com)](https://indd.adobe.com/view/d7a26fae-bd43-4974-888b-b9fe5f7042b5)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Word Count***(maximum 200 words)* | **Executive Summary** |
| ***Supporting images are welcome and may be used to promote shortlisted submissions.*** |

Explain to the judges (**in no more than 1,000 words**) why your submission should win this award**. NB.** Your explanation will align to and reflect the substance of the award criteria.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Word Count***(maximum 1,000 words)* |  |
|  |