

CHAMBER NEWS



The Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards

Celebrating Careers Inspiration at the Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards

The Somerset Education Business Partnership (EBP) Awards 2019, attended by over 130 guests from schools, businesses and education providers across Somerset, were held at The Canalside in Bridgwater.

The awards recognised businesses, employees, teachers and students from Taunton, Yeovil, Minehead and across the county, who are committed to developing a skilled local workforce, inspiring young people and supporting business-education collaboration.

Finalists and guests gathered together at the awards ceremony drinks reception, sponsored by Broomhead and Saul Solicitors LLP, to eagerly await the outcome of the awards. The ceremony was opened by Jonathan Langdon, Co-founder and Chairman of headline sponsors Milsted Langdon, with a rousing speech that highlighted the importance of businesses interacting with schools and providing opportunities for young people to learn more about the world of work.

The night belonged to the winners of the 10 award categories celebrating personal contribution and development awards and careers inspiration in business and education. Each award was presented by the sponsor and a short video, filmed and produced by the Creative Arts department at Bridgwater and Taunton College, showcased the finalists in each category.

Individuals and students from schools and businesses across Somerset were honoured for their personal contribution and development in careers progression and inspiration. Other winners included, Taunton-based businesses, Eloquent Technologies and NatWest Somerset Commercial Bank in the Employer Careers Inspiration award.

Inspired to Achieve were the winners of the Pathways to Employment award while Yeovil College student Oliver Weston-Mann was the winner of the Personal Development - Learner award.



Helen Lacey, Managing Director of Red Berry Recruitment and host of the awards, closed the evening with an inspirational

speech congratulating all the finalists, winners and all those nominated for the awards.

The winners of Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards, held on the 24th April 2019, were:

Personal Contribution - Business Award, sponsored by Weston College: Emma Kelly, Butlins

Personal Contribution - Education Award, sponsored by Train4All: Deborah Eele, West Somerset College

Personal Contribution - Careers Inspiration Award, sponsored by Somerset West and Taunton Council: Maggie Whale, Somerset Work Experience Service

Personal Development - Learner Award, sponsored by Hinkley Point C: Oliver Weston-Mann, Yeovil College

Personal Development - Pathways to Employment Award, sponsored by CSW Group: Cameron, Fairmead School

Employer Careers Inspiration Award, sponsored by The Design Hive: Eloquent Technologies & NatWest Somerset Commercial Bank

Careers Inspiration in Education Award, sponsored by TMB Patterns: The Castle School, Taunton

Careers Inspiration Provider Award, sponsored by Willmott Dixon: Young Somerset

Pathways to Employment Award, sponsored by Bridgwater and Taunton College: Inspired to Achieve

Outstanding Impact Award, sponsored by Red Berry Recruitment: Julie Young, Somerset County Council Post 16 Advisor

For more information about the Somerset Education Business Partnership, visit the Somerset Education Business Partnership website at www.somerset-ebp.co.uk/awards.