

Neath Port Talbot learning festival

part of Adult learners' week

Neath Port Talbot

Adult Learner of the Year Awards 2010

Part of Adult Learners' Week 15 – 22 May 2010

Nomination Form

All nomination forms must be completed and returned
by 26 February 2010



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Introduction

In 2009, we held the first Neath Port Talbot Adult Learner of the Year Awards as part of Adult Learners' Week.

The event was such a success I am pleased to say that this year, we will again be recognising the significant achievements of adult learners in Neath Port Talbot.

The winners of the Awards will be recognised at a Ceremony to be held on Thursday, 20 May 2010 during Adult Learners' Week.

If you would like to nominate someone who you think deserves recognition for their achievements, please complete the following Nomination Form and return to us by 26 February 2010.

In addition, this year, there is an option for your nomination to go forward to the NIACE Dysgu Cymru Inspire! Adult Learner Awards for Wales. (please see Part 6)

The winners in 2009 had many uplifting stories to tell and will no doubt influence the adult learners of the future.

I believe that we have many more examples of adult learners who can inspire others to return to learning.

I look forward to seeing their nominations.

Phil Southard
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Part 1 Guidance Notes

What are we looking for?

Individuals

We are looking for people whose learning achievements will inspire others to return to learning, who have improved their lives and/or the lives of others, and gained a positive or life-changing experience from returning to learning.

Groups

We are looking to promote the benefits of adults learning and working together towards a collective goal or common purpose.

Families

We want to recognise the potential of families to learn together, including all forms of informal and formal learning that involves more than one generation.

Who can make a nomination?

Anyone can nominate an individual, family or group for the Neath Port Talbot Learner Awards. You may self-nominate – however a statement of support must accompany your nomination. Your supporter could be a friend, a member of your family or a tutor. Someone who has knowledge about your learning and the difference it has made to your life. All those nominated will receive a certificate of achievement. This will be sent to the person identified in part 3 of this form. **Please ensure that the spelling of the learner/family/group name is correct, as this name will appear on the certificate.**

Who is eligible for an award?

Individuals

Any adult over 19 on 26th February 2010 who may not be a current learner, but who has undertaken learning at some point since 13th February 2007 and/or have had a break of at least 3 years from full-time study.

Groups

3 or more adults over 19 years on 26th February 2010.

Families

2 or more family members, one of whom should be an adult aged 19 or over on 26th February 2010.

Entry is open to learners who are either living or studying within the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

Previous winners of a Learner Award (either the Neath Port Talbot Learner Awards or the NIACE Inspire! Adult learner Awards) are ineligible to be entered for the same award again.

What is the closing date for the entries?

26th February 2010 - We will acknowledge entries by return of post.

Part 2 Award Categories

Tick the box (preferably one, but a maximum of two) which best describes your nominee's learning.

Individuals

- Distance Learner** – for learning via the internet and other distance learning methods
- Workplace Learner** – for learning in and/or for the workplace
- Further Education Learner** – for learning within FE institutions
- Community Learner** – for learning within local authority adult learning services
- Basic Skills Learner** – for improving basic skills levels (literacy and numeracy)
- Higher Education Learner** – for learning within HE institutions
- Vocational Learner** – for learning on vocational courses
- Young Adult Learner** – for learners aged between 19-25
- Senior Learner** – for learners aged 50+
- Welsh Learner** – for learning the Welsh language

Groups

- Community Action Group Award** – for groups of learners who have made an impact on themselves and/or their communities

Families

- Intergenerational and Family Learning Award** – for learning within a family group and/or an intergenerational (i.e. unrelated) group.

Please remember,
it is in your nominee's interest for you to provide as clear
and rounded a picture of their background and success as possible.

What you can tell us on this form will be crucial to the selection panel's decision,
so be as detailed as you can.

Part 3 Nominee Details

IMPORTANT: Please read the following

Highlighting Award winners is a key part of encouraging others to continue or return to learning. The information you send us about your nominee may be presented in the public domain.

If you think any of the information you are supplying to us could cause embarrassment or discomfort to the award winner if it is announced, you may decide it is safer not to include it on the nomination form.

Please note you are required to obtain the nominee's signature to confirm that all information supplied to us is true and accurate and can be used for publicity purposes.

Individual nominee, family or group details

Please write your individual as 'first name, surname' or family/group name. Please leave a space between each word.

Please write clearly, as this name will appear on the certificate.
We cannot be held responsible for names spelt incorrectly here.

Address: _____

Town: _____ County: _____

Post Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone No: _____ Mobile: _____

Age: (*N/A group Families*) _____ D.O.B _____

Learning Provider: _____

Data Protection Statement

NPTCBC undertakes that the information you have provided will only be used in conjunction with the NPT Adult Learner Awards and will not be disclosed to third parties unless indicated otherwise in Part 6.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO US BY 26 FEBRUARY 2010

LIFELONG LEARNING SERVICE
THEODORE ROAD
PORT TALBOT SA13 1SP
Or by e-mail: a.walter@npt.gov.uk
Telephone: (01639) 898581

Entries will be acknowledged by post.

Nomination forms are available in Welsh upon request from the Lifelong Learning Service

Part 4 Nominator's Statement

To be completed by the NOMINATOR – Please type or write your answers below in CAPITAL LETTERS and black ink.

ALL NOMINEES MUST BE AWARE THAT THEY ARE BEING NOMINATED & WILLING TO TALK TO THE MEDIA ABOUT THEIR LEARNING.

In no more than 300 words, this is your opportunity to tell us why your nominee deserves to win an award. What learning has he/she/they undertaken? How have their lives and/or those of their families and communities changed as a result? What have they achieved? Why are they inspirational? (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)

Nominator's details

Full Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ County: _____

Post Code: _____ Day time Phone No: _____

Mobile: _____ E-mail: _____

Please indicate your relationship to the nominated individual, group or family

Employer Tutor Carer Friend Self
Mentor Other (please state) _____

Part 5 Nominee Statement

This section is not compulsory but it is your opportunity to tell us how your learning experience has changed your life. Information supplied may benefit your nomination. What messages do you have to inspire others to return to learning? Where do you think your journey will take you next?

The following sentences should be read and signed by the Nominee. If this is a Group nomination, 3 members are required to sign. If it is a Family nomination, 1 member over the age of 19 is required to sign. Please delete optional wording as appropriate.

- I/We have read and understood what has been written about myself, my group or my family in this nomination and confirm these
- Are true and accurate statements
- I/We agree to be nominated for a Neath Port Talbot Adult Learner of the Year Award
- I/We understand that publicity arising from this nomination can be used for Adult Learners' Week
- I/We agree to be photographed

Signature - All nominees	Signature - Groups Only	Signature - Groups Only
Date:	Date:	Date:

To be completed by the nominee (individuals only):

We have an equal opportunities policy. To help us monitor this policy, please complete the following details:

I am:

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working Full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carer | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to work due to sickness or disability | |

If you are unemployed, please say how long:

- Under 6 months
 6-12 months
 1-2 years
 2-3 years
 More than 3 years

How would you describe your ethnic group?

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White - British | <input type="checkbox"/> White - European | <input type="checkbox"/> Black - British | <input type="checkbox"/> Black - African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black - Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Black - Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - British | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - Bangladeshi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian - other | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese |

Other (please state) _____

If you would like this nomination to be considered for the national NIACE Dysgu Cymru Inspire! Adult Learner Awards, please delete the optional wording as appropriate and sign the relevant box(es) below:

I/We agree that this nomination can be submitted to the NIACE Dysgu Cymru Inspire! Adult Learner Awards 2010

Signature - All nominees	Signature - Groups Only	Signature - Groups Only
Date:	Date:	Date:

Equal Opportunities Statement

NIACE is committed to equality of opportunity both as an employer and as an Institute concerned with adults learning. In implementing this commitment, NIACE aims to ensure that no-one receives less favourable treatment, on the grounds of gender, disability and/or learning difficulty, age, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, economic or marital status, sexuality, political or religious beliefs, language or culture. NIACE reserves the right to add further categories to these groups.

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Certificate of Achievement

All nominations will receive an Inspire! Certificate of Achievement. If you would like the nominee's Certificate of Achievement sent to someone other than yourself, please give their details here. We will not send the certificates directly to the nominee.

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Post Code: _____

Press Contact

Please complete details of the person most able to respond to media enquiries about the nominated individual group or family

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Post Code: _____

Thank you for your nomination.

Nomination forms to be completed and returned by 26 February 2010 to the address in Part 3.