

One Awards

Access to HE Awards 2021

Introduction

2021 is our 25th year as an Access Validating Agency accrediting Access to HE Diplomas. As part of our Access to HE Forum on 11th June 2021 we will be including celebratory awards to recognise engagement, best practice and, not least, achievement within Access to HE.

Our Awards focus on students, and the people and organisations that have enabled innovative and life-changing learning to take place. The specific Award categories outlined below aim to highlight individuals, Access to HE Providers and Higher Education Institutions that achieve, innovate and strive for excellence in education.

By recognising, rewarding and publicising these endeavours and achievements, One Awards aims to raise awareness of the high quality of Access to Higher Education that has continued to be delivered throughout the last 25 years.

If you wish to submit a nomination for any of the Awards listed overleaf, please follow the instructions below.

PLEASE NOTE: The student award nominations have also been taken from nominations received for the Keith Fletcher Awards submitted in December 2020.

Entry Requirements

- Tutors must be currently employed by a Recognised Centre.
- Centres must be a current Access to HE Centre, recognised through One Awards.
- Higher Education Institutions must be receivers of One Awards Access students.
- Nominees must agree to their story being used by One Awards for promotional purposes, and be willing to sign the release statement to facilitate this.

Judging

The Judging Panel will consist of a member of the Board of Trustees, an Access Lead Moderator and a member of One Awards staff. All awards will be considered against the published criteria.

Nominations

The nomination statement is important. The information provided needs to be substantial enough to demonstrate to the judging panel that the nominee meets the award criteria. Nomination statements should take the form of a narrative and provide information on why the nominee has been nominated, what their achievement is, and its impact.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to access@oneawards.org.uk no later than Friday 16th April 2021. Award winners will be notified by email week commencing 26th April 2021, and the awards will be presented at our celebratory online event on Friday 11th June 2021.

If you require any further information please contact Helen Smith, Marketing Officer
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AWARD DETAILS - For Centres approved to deliver the Access to HE Diploma.

Award Recipient	Award Title	Likely Nominator	Criteria: For Centres approved to deliver the Access to HE Diploma
Centre	Outstanding commitment to quality improvement	Centre or Moderator	<p>Centres can put themselves forward to receive an award for exceptional development of the quality of their Access provision, or for a unique solution they have developed which addresses a specific quality issue (that can be evidenced).</p> <p>This may apply to course planning and/or design; teaching methods; collaborative working; recruitment and/or retention of students or support with progression to HE.</p>
Centre	Innovation in Access	Centre or Moderator	<p>Centres can put themselves forward to receive an award for an innovative development they are proud of that has enhanced their Access to HE programme, or for a unique solution they have developed which addresses a specific problem.</p> <p>Centres may demonstrate innovation in educational practices which stand out as being particularly visionary, imaginative or effective. This may apply to course planning and/or design; teaching methods; collaborative working; recruitment and/or retention of students.</p>
Centre	'The Sue Scheilling Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Student Experience'	Centre or Moderator	<p>This award is in honour of our dear colleague Sue Scheilling who passed away in August 2020. During her 20 years as Lead Moderator she championed the transformational effects of the Access to HE Diploma and positively impacted on thousands of students on their journey to new careers and fulfilled lives.</p> <p>Centres can put themselves forward to receive an award for providing an outstanding learning experience for students.</p> <p>The Centre may demonstrate enhancements which stand out as being particularly visionary, imaginative or effective. This may apply to course planning and/or design; teaching methods; collaborative working; hands-on practical experiences for students; pastoral care or support with progression.</p>

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Tutor	Students' Choice	Student or Group of Students	<p>Tutor who has made the most impact on their students, been the most inspiring, or the most supportive to a student, or group of students.</p> <p>Tutor who has gone the extra mile to encourage, motivate and support students to reach their goals or change their lives, for example by: organising events or visits to reinforce learning; provide hands-on experiences; provide or organise additional support during times of personal difficulties or crises; inspire others through personal example; demonstrate high professional standards as a good role model.</p>

Award Recipient	Award Title	Likely Nominator	Criteria
Student	Access student achievement in Higher Education	Course Leader, Tutor or HE representative	An Access student who has progressed to a Higher Education course and excelled in their studies (student must have completed at least one year of the HE course and evidence of achievement must be provided)
Student	Higher Learning Higher Earning Award	Course Leader, Tutor or HE in FE representative	An Access student who has progressed to Higher Education in a Further Education College and increased their potential for progression in their chosen career (student must have completed at least one year of the HE course and evidence of achievement must be provided).
Student	Access student award for peer support	Course Leader or Tutor	An Access student who completed their diploma in 2020 and who provided exceptional support for their peers. They may have acted as a role model and given their time to encourage others to reach their own potential. They may have offered exceptional support to a fellow student who was struggling on the course or who was experiencing personal difficulties. They may have excelled in a specific subject and given their time, skills and knowledge to help others.

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Higher Education Provider	Higher Education Award for Engagement in Access to HE	HE Institutions, Access to HE Centres, AVA representatives	<p>For providers of Higher Education courses which receive Access to HE students.</p> <p>A HE provider which has demonstrated a commitment to actively engage with Access students and Access to HE partners to improve opportunities for Access student progression to HE. They may have evidence of an innovative development they are proud of, that has made a difference to Access student progression and achievement in HE (that can be evidenced), or for a unique solution they have developed which addresses a specific challenge.</p> <p>HE providers may demonstrate excellent recruitment practices which stand out as being particularly visionary, imaginative or effective in supporting Access student progression to HE.</p>

A copy of the Nomination Form can be found on our website www.oneawards.org.uk