

20th Anniversary Access to HE Awards



Introduction

2016 is our 20th year as an Access Validating Agency accrediting Access to HE Diplomas in the North East and Cumbria. We are holding a celebratory event on the 11th March at the Sage Gateshead and will be awarding a variety of prizes 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 throughout our region.

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 region during the last 20 years.

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

Entry Requirements

- Students must have completed an Access to HE Diploma course accredited by One Awards and have received their Certificate.
- 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.

Nominations should be sent to Helen Smith by Friday 29th January 2016. Forms can be emailed to helen.smith@oneawards.org.uk, faxed to 0191 518 6551, or posted to One Awards, 1 Palmer Road, South West Industrial Estate, Peterlee, SR8 2HU. Award winners will be notified on Friday 5th February 2016, and the awards will be presented at our celebratory event on Friday 11th March 2016.



AWARD DETAILS

Award Recipient	Award Title	Likely Nominator	Criteria
Centre	Outstanding commitment to quality improvement	Centre or Moderator	<p>For Centres approved to deliver the Access to HE Diploma.</p> <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>For Centres approved to deliver Access to HE Diplomas</p> <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	Outstanding commitment to the student experience	Centre or Moderator	<p>For Centres approved to deliver Access to HE Diplomas.</p> <p>Centres can put themselves forward to receive an award for providing an outstanding learning experience for students. 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>

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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 - AoC Sponsored Student 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 2015 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>An 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>
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A copy of the Nomination Form can be found on our website www.oneawards.org.uk



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