



WEST BERKSHIRE  
**LEARNER  
 ACHIEVEMENT  
 AWARDS**  
 2008

Celebrating the outstanding  
 achievements of adult learners

## Nomination Form

# Recognising the exceptional commitment of individuals, organisations and businesses to learning

Do you know someone whose success, determination or commitment to learning deserves special recognition?

Someone who has personally achieved, or supported others in their learning, training or skills development?

If so, why not enter them for the 2008 Learner Achievement Awards? These annual awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals, organisations and businesses dedicated to learning in West Berkshire.

You can nominate anyone for an award: family or friends, colleagues, employees or managers, students or tutors.

Award winners will receive certificates and prizes and are invited – with their nominators – to an awards ceremony on 16th May 2008 to celebrate their success.

**Entry is free** – you have until **Monday 21st April 2008** to complete, sign and return your entry form. For further details and copies of the form please visit the Adult and Community website on [www.westberks.gov.uk/education](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/education) or contact the ACL team on [aclteam@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:aclteam@westberks.gov.uk) Tel:01635 519060

## Award categories (see back cover for more details)

Outstanding Achievement • Determination • Employee in Learning • Skills for Life • Inspiring Others • Returning to Learning • Information Technology (IT) • Older Learner •

Family Learners • Group Learners • Teacher, Tutor and Trainer • Most Committed Employer to Learning • Most Committed Voluntary Organisation to Learning

## Entry requirements

Entry to the individual and group categories is open to adults aged 18 or over on 31st March 2007 who are either current learners or who have been students or self-directed learners at some point since March 31st 2006. Awards are also open to young people on targeted projects.

The Family Learners award is open to intergenerational families or groups who are benefiting from learning together. This can include parents, grandparents, carers and children.

# Nominator's Section

## 1. YOUR DETAILS (Please use block capitals)

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Organisation:

Email:

Daytime Tel:

All nominees over the age of 75 will be automatically entered into the Older Learner Award category. If your nominee **does not** want to be entered into this category please tick here.

2. Please enter the award category letter you are entering the nominee for (please see back page for awards)

3. What learning or teaching programmes has your nominee undertaken? Please give course title and brief overview. If an organisation, please tell us about its activities in promoting learning.

5. How has learning improved their life? If an organisation or teacher, why should they receive an award?

4. Briefly describe your nominee's achievements and what, if any, difficulties they have overcome.

6. How could your nominee's achievements inspire other people?

# Nominee's Statement

The nominee must fill in this section\*

## 1. YOUR DETAILS (Please use block capitals)

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Organisation:

Email:

Daytime Tel:

Age on 31-03-07

## 2. Please tell us why you were inspired to learn or teach.

**What was your motivation?** If an organisation, how has your organisation demonstrated its commitment to learning?

**4. What would you say to someone who might not be able to decide whether to go back to learning?** If an organisation, what difficulties did you face in promoting learning and how did you overcome them?

## 3. What benefits have you gained from your learning or teaching experiences or your promotion of learning?

## 5. What are your plans for the future?

\* If the nominee does not fill in this section we will not be able to accept the entry unless we receive a covering letter explaining why the nominee was unable to complete the form and we accept the reason(s) given.

# Choose your category:

**A OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT** Someone who has used the learning process to achieve outstanding success for themselves or their employer.

**B DETERMINATION** Someone who has shown determination to overcome problems or obstacles, and continue their learning regardless of the situation.

**C EMPLOYEE IN LEARNING** An employee who has proven the benefits of learning in the workplace.

**D SKILLS FOR LIFE** Someone who has made an exceptional improvement in their literacy, numeracy or language skills (including ESOL).

**E INSPIRING OTHERS** Someone who has helped others improve their abilities using energy and enthusiasm as inspiration.

**F RETURNING TO LEARNING** Someone who has shown an improvement in their prospects and abilities by undertaking the learning process again.

**G INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)** Someone who has used the learning process to achieve success for themselves or their employer in the field of Information Technology.

**H OLDER LEARNER** Someone over the age of 75 who has used the learning process to achieve success for themselves or their employer (where applicable).

**I FAMILY LEARNERS** A family or group who are benefiting from learning together. This can include parents, grandparents, carers and children.

**J GROUP LEARNERS** A group of learners who have achieved success for themselves or their employer through learning together.

**K TEACHER, TUTOR AND TRAINER** A teacher, tutor or trainer who has proven their ability and enthusiasm in helping others achieve their learning or training goals.

Organisations are also being recognised for their commitment to helping their staff benefit from learning opportunities. There are two award categories for organisations actively investing in and promoting learning:

**L Most Committed Employer to Learning**

**M Most Committed Voluntary Organisation to Learning**

## Nominee's Release Statement (to be completed by all nominees)

The achievements of Awards Winners encourage other adults back into learning. As a condition of entry, we ask nominees to sign the following statement to help us continue this motivational work.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am aware that I have been nominated as a candidate for the West Berkshire Learner Achievement Awards.

I understand that publicity arising from this nomination may be used by the West Berkshire Adult & Family Learning Partnership and that I may be referred to, and my image may appear, in the media.

I consent to the use of such information for publicity purposes. I also confirm that the information given in this form is true and correct.

## Signatures

Nominee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that all Nomination Forms must be signed and completed by both the nominator and the nominee.** Forms that have not been completed by both parties cannot be accepted.

**Please return all completed Nomination Forms to:** Learner Achievement Awards 2008, West Berkshire Adult & Family Learning Partnership, ACL, Avonbank House, West Street, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1BZ

The Learner Achievement Awards are organised by **West Berkshire Adult & Family Learning Partnership**. The Awards are made possible by the generous support of local organisations and businesses.

