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Tutor Awards 2027

Inspire! Tutor Awards Guidance document

Closing date for entries: 15 January 2027

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there are inspirational tutors and mentors.

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The Welsh language Guidance document is available here.

About the Inspire! Tutor Awards

The annual Inspire! Tutor Awards celebrate the valuable work of tutors and mentors in supporting lifelong learning across Wales.

They recognise the outstanding effort and commitment made by tutors and mentors to help adult learners pursue their goals, because behind successful adult learners there are inspirational mentors and tutors.

We are inviting nominations on behalf of outstanding individuals whose commitment, knowledge and teaching skills have given adults the confidence and drive to engage with learning and transform their lives.

The Inspire! Tutor Awards are supported by Welsh Government and Agored Cymru.

What are we looking for in a Tutor or Mentor?

We are looking for exceptional tutors and mentors in their field, who are able to demonstrate their transformative and lasting impact on the lives of others, to go beyond the call of duty in their role to support adult learners in their educational journey, career pathways, and overall wellbeing.

Nominations may be submitted for individuals or teams. Team nominations should recognise tutors or mentors who work together within the same department, team and organisation and can demonstrate a shared commitment to supporting adult learners and achieving positive outcomes.

Nominations should demonstrate achievements in at least two of the following areas:

• Developing the curriculum, creating new resources and materials.
• Overcoming personal circumstances and / or working in challenging circumstances.
• Contributing to widening access and building pathways to learning opportunities.
• Inspiring learners to progress onto other courses or opportunities to

learn, or transition into employment.
• Creating new partnerships or pathways into learning.
• Developing innovative ways of supporting, teaching, breaking down barriers, or mentoring learners.

Evidence of impact

Your statements should demonstrate how the tutor/mentor has made an impact on the lives of their students.

We welcome statements of support from learners as part of the entry.

You could focus on:

• Progression, attainment, and achievement.
• Evidence of impact on the health and wellbeing of learners.
• Describing how learners have used the skills they have developed to contribute to family/community life/civic society/the workplace or to transforming their own lives.
• Additional testimonials from students, learners, and colleagues.
• Supporting information / pictures / letter about the tutor are also welcomed, please send them to us by email.

We welcome nominations for tutors and mentors working across the tertiary education sector in Wales.

• Higher Education setting
• Further Education setting
• Workplace setting
• Welsh for Adults
• Community setting
• Other setting

NEW: Learners' Choice Award

Note: The Learners' Choice Award celebrates an exceptional tutor or mentor who has made a meaningful difference to the learning experience and achievements of adult learners. As this is a learner-led award, a separate nomination form and guidance document should be used. The Learners' Choice Award nomination form and

guidance can be accessed here.

View the stories of our past tutor award winners:

Inspire! Tutor Award winners 2026
Inspire! Tutor Award winners 2025
Inspire! Tutor Award winners 2024

Please review the entry guidelines and nomination process before submitting:

• Entries are free and open to tutors and mentors living and working in Wales.

• You can nominate a tutor or mentor if you are a provider or employer, work colleague, another tutor, or a member of the

community.

• If you are a community member, you must obtain a statement of support for your nominee from someone who knows them in a professional capacity.

• A nominee can be re-nominated if they have achieved further success since their previous nomination.

• All nominees must be aware that they are being nominated and should be willing to share their stories with the media.

• All those nominated will receive a certificate of achievement. This will be sent to the person identified on the form. Please ensure that the spelling of the nominee's name is correct. This name will appear on the certificate.

• Your application will be judged on the information you provide on the nomination form, so please make sure you address the areas highlighted in the guidance.

Closing date for entries:

Friday 15 January 2027

Note, the deadline will not be extended. Please ensure nominations are completed and submitted by the closing date.

If you need any assistance with your nomination form, please contact: inspire@learningandwork.org.uk.

How does the selection process work?

• An independent panel of judges will assist with the selection of award winners.

• All award winners will be notified by Learning and Work Institute week commencing 22 February 2027. Learning and Work Institute will email you if there are any changes to the awards timeline.

How to submit your nomination:

Please email your completed nomination form and supporting information to: inspire@learningandwork.org.uk.

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