

National Apprenticeship Awards 2021 regional winners announced

Tuesday 19 October marks the start of the National Apprenticeship Awards 2021 regional finals, with virtual ceremonies taking place to recognise apprentice employers, apprentices, Rising Stars and Champions up and down the country.

Back for their 18th year, the National Apprenticeship Awards highlight the benefits apprenticeships bring to individuals, businesses, and local communities, and celebrate the successes of those that have gone above and beyond to make a difference.

Over 1,000 entries from apprentice employers, apprentices, and apprenticeship champions have been received this year from all over England. The breadth of industries and sectors recognised highlights the broad appeal of apprenticeships, and how employers and individuals are continuing to build business and career success through apprenticeships.

Minister for Skills Alex Burghart said:

As the new Minister for Skills, I'm a major believer in what apprenticeships can do for employers, the economy, and the apprentices themselves, so a huge congratulations to everyone taking part in these regional finals.

Apprenticeships are incubators of greatness. These nominees are showing just how much potential apprenticeships have to offer opportunities and skills on the job. Good luck to everyone involved.

I very much hope you all enjoy a fantastic ceremony and celebrate the achievements and successes of apprenticeships in your region, and I thank you very much for all you do.

Director of Apprenticeships, Education and Skills Funding Agency Peter Mucklow added:

Apprentices and apprentice employers are really flying the flag for apprenticeships at this time, and I admire that commitment to rebuild our economy and drive change.

I am also delighted to see the 'Apprentices in Action' mini-series, which has been supported by EY, and I cannot wait to see some of the amazing stories that have and will be shared.

This year the Apprentices in Action series, presented by EY, follows on from

the success of last year's 'Apprentices on the Frontline' campaign where we celebrated and recognised employers who retained apprentices and supported them to do outstanding things throughout the pandemic.

For 2021, we will be focussing on how employers and apprentices are contributing to business recovery and highlighting those who have shown their ongoing resilience.

The Special Recognition Award winner will be selected from a short list of the most inspirational 'Apprentices in Action' stories and will be announced at the National Ceremony.

Winners and highly commended announced in the North East are:

Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is McCarrick Construction Co Ltd.
- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is Northumbrian Water.
- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Hays Travel is highly commended.
- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is Northumbrian Water. Hays Travel is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Eryn Wood. Ross Fiori is highly commended.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Eden McGlen. Victoria Heron is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Kate Todd-Davis. Jessica Clark is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is William Gallon. Jason Henry is highly commended.
- The Royal Air Force Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year is Ian Green. Natasha Scorer is highly commended.

Winners and highly commended announced in London are:

Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is Blue Structural Engineering LLP.
- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is Great Ormond Street NHS Trust. Coca-Cola Europacific Partners is highly commended.
- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is Go-Ahead Group. BT Plc is highly commended.
- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is Go-Ahead Group. Great Ormond Street NHS Trust is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Rio Mason Tsang.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Jess Liddy. Jamie Mewburn-Crook is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Dilani Selvanathan. Georgia Shaw is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is Abbie Tripp. Madeleine Turner is highly commended.
- The Royal Air Force Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year is Sharon Blyfield. Elaine Everitt-Smith is highly commended.

Winners and highly commended announced in the South West are:

Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is Combe Pafford School. Walpole Dunn Chartered Certified Accountants is highly commended.
- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is Motus Commercial. MAN Truck & Bus UK Ltd is highly commended.
- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is Devon County Council. Somerset County Council is highly commended.
- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is Combe Pafford School. Devon County Council is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Henry Powell. Georgia Pugsley is highly commended.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Lucy Hanman. Matthew Gill is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Hamzah Ahmed. Guy Turner is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is Jacob Fahy. Nicola Morris is highly commended.
- The Royal Air Force Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year is Becca Thurston. Demelza Hyde is highly commended.

Winners and highly commended announced in the East of England are:

Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is Higgins Partnerships..
- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is Flagship Housing Group. VINCI Construction UK Limited is highly commended.
- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is Care UK. Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is highly commended.

- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is Higgins Partnerships. Care UK is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Bryony Wright. Grace Fussey is highly commended.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Roxanne Freestone. Abby Verney is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Adam Hearn. Abby Mullord is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is Erin Maciejewski. Finn Janson is highly commended.
- The Royal Air Force Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year is Claire Wright. James Millar is highly commended.

Winners and highly commended announced in the South East are:

Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is McFarlane Telfer ta MCFT.
- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is RSM. Dyer & Butler Ltd is highly commended.
- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is Royal Navy. Thames Valley Police is highly commended.
- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is Royal Navy. RSM is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Ben Gray. Heather Dickinson is highly commended.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Charley Curtis. Danny Joy is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Lily Marston. Emma Hawking is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is Frasier Crouch. Charley Curtis is highly commended.
- The Royal Air Force Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year is Nicola Morgan. David Worley is highly commended.

Winners and highly commended announced in the West Midlands are:

Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is Lander Automotive Ltd. Penny Post Credit Union Ltd is highly commended.
- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is The Coventry Building Society. RWE Renewables UK Limited is highly

commended.

- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is J.C. Bamford Excavators Limited. Mitchells & Butlers is highly commended.
- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is J.C. Bamford Excavators Limited. Mitchells & Butlers is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Morgan Fisher. Callam Bassett is highly commended.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Gavin Archer. Alex-Louise Jones is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Lauren Carroll. Jaymz Goodman is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is Nihal Dhillon. Thomas Bartlett is highly commended.
- The Royal Air Force Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year is Louise Ward. Emma Horne is highly commended.

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Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is DeNtal22
- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is Chesterfield Royal Hospital Foundation Trust. Nottingham City Homes is highly commended.
- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. Barratt Developments PLC is highly commended.
- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is Barratt Developments PLC. Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Gemma Smith. River Carson is highly commended.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Kelly Durham-Flinter. Edyta Zacharska is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Jo Adkins. Natalie Parnham is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is Ben Deegan. Elizabeth Capel is highly commended.

Winners and highly commended announced in the Yorkshire and The Humber are:

Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is Town Hall Group. Resolve is highly commended.

- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is Wakefield Metropolitan District Council. LabCorp is highly commended.
- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is Lloyds Banking Group. Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust is highly commended.
- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is LabCorp. Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Isla Williams. Rhyanna Razey is highly commended.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Thomas Smetana. Ashley McKenzie is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Martin McCutcheon. Robyn Bursnell is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is Kyle Parr. Jade Taylor is highly commended.

Winners and highly commended announced in North West are:

Employer categories winners and highly commended:

- The BCS for SME Employer of the Year is Inspire Childrens Services. The Forshaw Group is highly commended.
- The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year winner is AJ Bell plc. Electricity North West Limited is highly commended.
- The Macro Employer of the Year winner is North West Ambulance Services NHS Trust. Sodexo is highly commended.
- The Award for Recruitment Excellence winner is Electricity North West Limited. Inspire Childrens Services is highly commended.

Individual categories winners and highly commended:

- The Marshall Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year is Destiny-Mya Robinson. Lydia Halliwell is highly commended.
- The BT Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year winner is Ashleigh Lewis. Elle Barnett is highly commended.
- The Royal Navy Award for Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year is Khadija Al-Selini. Charlie Hewitt is highly commended.
- The Lloyds Banking Group Award for Rising Star of the Year winner is Cameron Ackroyd. Remsha Asif is highly commended.
- The Royal Air Force Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year is Phoebe Jay. Martin Norris is highly commended.

Regional ceremonies take place between 19 and 25 October, with the national ceremony broadcast taking place on Wednesday 1 December.

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