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#### **The Search is on for West Yorkshire's Most Inspirational Learners**

A West Yorkshire based project is on the hunt for this year's most inspirational employees. The West Yorkshire Work-Based Learning Awards recognises the achievements of employees who have succeeded in progressing onto a higher education course while continuing to work.

Nominations are invited for individuals who deserve special recognition for their achievements and whose experiences might inspire others to progress onto higher level courses. Learners will be awarded in seven industry categories.

An 'Employer of the Year' and 'Tutor of the Year', who have been particularly supportive to those employees learning new skills, will also be selected to win an award.

Now in their fourth year, the awards are recognised as an important event in the skills calendar. Steve Challenger, Executive Director of the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network which runs the awards said, "these awards recognise learners who have gained a positive or life changing experience from gaining new skills and the employers and tutors who support them. I am always amazed and touched by the commitment and sheer determination of the nominees and I don't expect 2011 to be any different".

Winners will be invited to a prestigious awards evening at Leeds Civic Hall in June to be presented with their award and £100 prize.

The deadline for award nominations is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and nomination forms can be downloaded from [www.wylln.ac.uk](http://www.wylln.ac.uk) or requested from [wylln@hud.ac.uk](mailto:wylln@hud.ac.uk)

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**Company Details:** The West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network (WYLLN) is a partnership of all further and higher education institutions throughout West Yorkshire. The project is funded £5.9 million by the Higher Education Funding Council for England. The aim of the project is to strengthen the performance of West Yorkshire businesses and the wider regional economy through improved

vocational and work-based progression of young people and adults into and through higher education. Further details at [www.wylln.ac.uk](http://www.wylln.ac.uk)

**Photos and details of previous award winners are available on request, please email [wylln@hud.ac.uk](mailto:wylln@hud.ac.uk)**