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The Educators' Trust

Educators' Trust Inspirational Educator Award 2027 - Heritage
Guidance for Nominators

Who can be nominated?

Nominees should be inspirational educators working in heritage education and learning. They may work in any setting where learning takes place, in either a paid or voluntary role, and on a full-time or part-time basis. The Trustees particularly welcome nominations for educators working in unconventional or community settings.

What kinds of contributions are recognised?

Nominations are welcomed for educators who:

- teach, train, coach or mentor learners or other educators
- develop specialist programmes or projects
- design learning materials
- are involved in organising, guiding or facilitating groups and tours

The Trustees are particularly interested in nominees who communicate with passion and whose work inspires people of any age to value and enjoy learning.

There are up to eight prizes for the Award of *Inspirational Educator* in Heritage Education, each of £500. Winners will also receive a certificate, an inscribed crystal glass plaque, and will be invited to the Trust's Award Dinner in the City of London, along with their Nominators.

Nominators may submit more than one candidate, but each nomination must be for an individual, not a team. Nominations are assessed by a panel of three judges experienced in educational evaluation. They will be joined by an expert in the field of heritage education.

What should a nomination include?

Each nomination should:

a) describe the nominee's outstanding practice in a factual and balanced way
b) provide supporting evidence, whether qualitative or quantitative
c) demonstrate impact
d) focus on the individual's achievements
e) adhere to a 500 word limit for Part 2.

Nomination Form Part 1. Organisational Context

Please complete both parts. Part 1 is excluded from the 500-word limit.

Part 1.

Organisation name	
Type of organisation	
Estimated annual average	Staff: _____ Learners: _____
Learning setting(s)	
Nominee's current position	
Length of time in the role	
Relevant education, training and experience	

Nomination Form Part 2. The Nominee (maximum 500 words)

Please explain why the nominee may be regarded as an inspirational. Tell us about any tangible and sustained impact and present some evidence to support this. Address several of the criteria in the **Notes for Nominators**, (which follow this) selecting those most relevant to the nominee's role, background, experience and learning setting.

Notes for Nominators

The nominee is not expected to meet every criterion, but here are some which might guide your nomination.

- A strong desire to communicate the significance and relevance of traditions, traditional skills, folklore, oral history, music, and social customs which hold cultural or historical importance and which have been passed down through the generations

- An understanding of the contribution that knowledge of the past makes to our understanding of the present and the ability to frame this into a learning experience

- The resources and skills required to persuade others to appreciate the need to conserve and protect historical sites, monuments, landscape features and artifacts for future generations

- An appreciation of diversity and inclusion when designing, programmes and learning materials

- A knowledge and appreciation of the effectiveness of different approaches, strategies and interventions

- The development of experiential learning packages and programmes that arouse in the learner a desire to find out more

- A dynamic and innovative approach to learning engagement, using a range of learning resources and through exceptional facilitation practice

- Engagement with other professionals and educational practitioners to enrich their own knowledge, skills and techniques and a commitment to personal development

- Evidence of achievement, e.g. external awards/prizes/bursaries, external invitations for the nominee to give presentations, join projects, run workshops or training sessions

- Achievement of participants on relevant courses or projects into which the nominee has had significant input

- A track record of building sustainable collaborative links with relevant organisations

Timescale:

Deadline for nominations **15th January 2027**

Nominations to be sent by email attachment to:

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