

Joining the Dots

Network Awards Showcase

10 May 2017 – 16:30-18:00

English Institute of Sport, Sheffield



Call for entries

Please join us for a special Network Awards Showcase following our Annual Conference, on Wednesday 10 May, 16:30 – 18:00.

The Careers & Enterprise Company 'Joining the Dots' Awards are a moment to celebrate and recognise our Network; to raise the profile of a national movement that only works when tailored locally by our experts on the ground: dedicated teachers and senior education leaders, employers, careers and enterprise providers, Enterprise Coordinators and LEPs. With over 1,500 schools and colleges engaged, the Company's 'Joining the Dots' awards will be an opportunity to celebrate the commitment of our stakeholders to date, and showcase the impact that the Network is making to inspire and prepare young people for the fast-changing world of work.

There will be two 'Joining the Dots' Awards categories, totalling nine awards:

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The Employer 'Joining the Dots' Awards – for the employers that are working above and beyond to provide strategic support to schools and colleges and enable meaningful encounters for young people:

[Small or Medium Sized Employer Award](#)
[Large Employer Award](#)

2

The Regional 'Joining the Dots' Awards for examples of best practice and impact across the Enterprise Adviser Network:

[North East](#)
[North West](#)
[South West](#)
[South East](#)
[West Midlands](#)
[Thames Valley](#)
[Central and East](#)

Please see below for the criteria for these awards and nomination forms.

To apply, please complete the attached nomination form and return to your Regional Lead (see appendix) by **Thursday 6 April**. Shortlisted entries will be informed by 13 April and asked to provide a display and case study of their story to showcase at the VIP reception.

A list of LEPs and their Regional Leads can be found in Appendix 1.

1 Joining the Dots Regional Award: Criteria and Nomination Form

Thank you for choosing to nominate a partnership for our first Joining the Dots awards. Please read the criteria carefully, consider which examples you would like to nominate, then complete and return this form to your Regional Lead by **Thursday 6 April**.

We are seeking nominations for the inaugural 'Joining the Dots' awards, to recognise and showcase the impact that the Enterprise Adviser Network is having on over 1,000,000 young people across the country. There are seven regional 'Joining the Dots' Awards. We are looking for examples of best practice careers and enterprise provision that 'joins the dots' between schools/colleges, employers and providers; supported by the Enterprise Coordinator and LEP.

Enterprise Advisers or school/college entrants can self-nominate, and ECs or LEP Skills Leads are encouraged to nominate entries from their network. The awards will be presented to the Enterprise Adviser, plus a representative from the school/college, and employers/providers where appropriate.

We want to see examples of best practice partnerships from schools and colleges across the network, as well as a demonstration of impact. Entrants may wish to highlight some of the following within the application:

Strategic careers leadership

- Establishing a whole school careers and enterprise plan
- Following the impact and using research to focus on impactful activity planning
- Outstanding contributions from teachers, SLT or careers leads
- Placing careers and enterprise at the heart of the school/college
- Sharing and disseminating best practice to teachers /parents / governors

Utilising the network

- Utilising the support of the Enterprise Coordinator and their wider network
- Building on what works locally; supporting local provision

Workplace and employer encounters

- Increasing employer and workplace encounters for students
- Starting younger, enabling inspiring activity from year 7 onwards
- Embedding employability in the curriculum
- Inspiring and impactful activity delivery

Information, advice and guidance

- Targeted approach to raise awareness of apprenticeships
- Alignment to Labour Market Information

A dedicated plan for all young people

- Utilising tools and resources to support careers and enterprise planning
- Supporting specific cohorts

1 Nomination

Your name, role and email address:

Who are you nominating for this award? Please include names, roles and contact details.

Please state the regional category you are submitting this entry for
(please see Appendix 1 if unsure):

Please confirm that you have informed the nominees
that you are nominating them for this award:

Yes

No

Please detail why this partnership is a best practice example of the impact the Enterprise Adviser Network is having on young people, including evidence of impact and reference to the criteria above. Max 500 words.

2 Joining the Dots Employer Award: Criteria and Nomination Form

Thank you for choosing to nominate an employer for our inaugural 'Joining the Dots' awards. Please read the criteria carefully, consider which examples you would like to nominate, then complete and return this form to your Regional Lead by **Thursday 6 April**.

Awards criteria: Employer Joining the Dots Award

We are seeking nominations for the inaugural Employer 'Joining the Dots' Award, to recognise and showcase the excellent work that employers of all sizes are doing across the country to create long-lasting relationships with schools and colleges, and meaningful encounters for young people. There will be one award for the best contribution from a Small or Medium Enterprise, and one from a large employer.

Employer entrants can self-nominate, and Enterprise Coordinators and LEP Skills Leads are encouraged to nominate entries from their Network. The awards will be presented to a representative from the employer, the LEP and from the school/s / colleges that they work with.

Entrants are encouraged to highlight some of the following examples in their nominations:

Partnership

- Utilising a strategic partnership with a school or college, to ensure long-term investment in inspiring and preparing young people for the world of work
- Mobilising employees or other employers to help create stronger employer networks for schools/colleges
- Working with teachers to align outreach to the curriculum and the needs of young people, including targeted cohorts
- Working with the LEP to align school outreach to the local labour market, providing a long-term sector view in raising aspirations for young people

Impact and best practice

- Demonstration of impact that benefits young people
- Sharing best practice with teachers, parents or communities
- Demonstrating a targeted approach to raising awareness of apprenticeships or pathways
- Starting younger- engaging students from year 7 onwards

2 Nomination

Your name, role and email address:

Who are you nominating for this award?

Please include names, roles, organisation and contact details.

Please state if this is for the SME or Large employer award:

Please confirm that you have informed the nominees
that you are nominating them for this award:

Yes

No

Please detail why this employer is going above and beyond to inspire and prepare young people for the world of work, including evidence of impact and reference to the criteria above. Max 500 words.

Appendix 1

The seven regional award areas and Regional Leads:



1. North East - Karleen Dowden

- North East
- Tees Valley
- Humber
- Leeds City Region
- Sheffield
- York

2. North West - Clare Hutchinson

- Cumbria
- Lancashire
- Manchester
- Liverpool
- Cheshire and Warrington

3. South West - Suzy Wright

- Cornwall
- Heart of the South West
- West of England
- Gloucestershire
- Dorset
- Swindon & Wiltshire

4. South East - Georgina Angele

- Coast to Capital
- South East
- London

5. West Midlands - Angela Tellyn

- Coventry and Warwickshire
- Worcestershire
- Birmingham and Solihull
- Stoke and Staffordshire
- Black Country
- The Marches

6. Thames Valley - Kerry Senatore

- Solent
- Enterprise M3
- Thames Valley Berkshire
- Oxfordshire
- Buckinghamshire Thames Valley
- Hertfordshire
- South East Midlands

7. Central and East - Will Morlidge

- D2N2
- Lincolnshire
- Leicester
- GCGP
- New Anglia

