We are delighted that you’ve taken the first step to entering the Careers Champion Award. There are a few questions to complete, which shouldn’t take too long and it’s well worth the effort!

The Careers Champion Award is open to anyone based in an Oxfordshire school or college who goes the extra mile to raise awareness of a range of pathways, including apprenticeships and technical qualifications, to students and their parents/guardians as part of a wide ranging and inclusive careers programme.

**The judges will be looking for evidence of:**

1. Positive promotion of a range of pathways, including apprenticeships, within school/college across all year groups and with students of all abilities (and parents/guardians). Ensuring and evidencing high impact on students
2. Strong relationships with employers and further/higher education and independent training providers. How this engagement supports access to information about - and progression of students into - apprenticeships and other opportunities
3. Progress against the Gatsby Benchmarks and plans to achieve them
4. Whole school/college approach - how careers education is embedded in the school/college e.g. through curriculum, senior leadership, ethos and culture
5. A variety of meaningful, high quality and impactful employability interventions and innovative approaches to careers activities

This is your opportunity to tell us why you deserve to win this award, so please provide as much detail as you can. Where possible, please include evidence and give examples to illustrate your answers.

We require a short statement from someone you’ve worked with to support your entry e.g. your line manager, a learner you’ve inspired, your Enterprise Adviser or a business volunteer.

If you’re not sure whether you are eligible to enter, please contact us at [skills@oxfordshirelep.com](mailto:skills@oxfordshirelep.com) for advice.

1. **About you**

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| Your name |  |
| Preferred pronouns |  |
| Job role |  |
| School/college name |  |
| Address |  |
| Contact number |  |
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1. **How do you support the promotion of a range of pathways, including apprenticeships, to students of all abilities and their parents/guardians? How do you measure the impact of this activity?** *max. 200 words*

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1. **Tell us about your links with employers and the business community. How do these relationships support access to information about - and progression of students into - apprenticeships and other opportunities?** *max. 200 words*

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1. **How do you engage with training providers (e.g. FE / HE and independent training providers) to give students access to information about local opportunities, including apprenticeships?** *max. 200 words*

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1. **Please give examples of employability interventions you have facilitated, including any innovative careers activities you have introduced** *max. 200 words*

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**Supporting statement**

**Please provide a statement to support your entry (e.g. from your line manager, a business volunteer or a learner you’ve inspired)** *max. 200 words*

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| Relationship to nominee |  |

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| **Tell us why this person deserves to win:** |

**Entries must be completed in full and submitted by email to** [**skills@oxfordshirelep.com**](mailto:skills@oxfordshirelep.com) **by MIDNIGHT on the evening of Monday 19th February 2024.**

**Please note:** the information you provide will be used for the process of judging the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards and to contact you in connection with the awards.

If you are chosen as a finalist, details of your story may be shared at the awards ceremony. All data sent to us is subject to the Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards Privacy Policy, which is accessible at <https://oxlepskills.co.uk/oaawards>