We are delighted that you’ve taken the first step to nominating someone for 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 your nominee deserves to win this award, so please provide as much detail as you can. Where possible, please use evidence and give examples to illustrate your answers.

We require a short statement from someone they’ve worked with to support your nomination e.g. their line manager, a learner they’ve inspired, their Enterprise Adviser or a business volunteer. We also ask for a statement from the nominee themselves to give them the opportunity to share any additional information and confirm that they are happy to be nominated!

If you’re not sure whether your nominee is eligible, please contact us at skills@oxfordshirelep.com for advice.

1. **About you**

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| Name |  |
| Job role |  |
| Employer |  |
| Contact number |  |
| Email address |  |

1. **About your nominee**

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| Name |  |
| Preferred pronouns |  |
| Job role |  |
| School/college |  |
| Contact number |  |
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1. **How do you know the nominee?**

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1. **How do they support the promotion of a range of pathways, including apprenticeships, to students of all abilities and their parents/guardians? How do they measure the impact of this activity?** *max. 200 words*

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1. **Tell us about their 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 they 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 they have facilitated, including any innovative careers activities they have introduced** *max. 200 words*

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**Supporting statements**

1. **Statement from someone your nominee has worked with (e.g. their line manager, a business volunteer or a learner they’ve inspired)** *max. 200 words*

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| Name |  |
| Relationship to nominee |  |

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

1. **Nominee statement – please tell us about your significant achievements, proudest moments and anything else that supports your nomination***max. 200 words*

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**Entries must be completed in full and submitted by email to** **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 and your nominee in connection with the awards.

If your nominee is chosen as a finalist, details of their 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>