**Equity and Excellence in Education Award**

Open to any individual or team working within the Department for Education.

This award recognises the people and systems that create inclusive and collaborative experiences and learning opportunities. Learners are empowered in a culture of high expectations as they develop the knowledge, skills and capabilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. It celebrates those who support our learners to reach their potential to become fulfilled individuals, active, compassionate citizens and lifelong learners, by recognising and building on the unique strengths each child or young person brings no matter what their background or needs may be.

Respond to each criteria using no more than 250 words per criteria.

**Positive impact**

Provide evidence (including indicators of growth) of how you’ve created opportunities for our children and young people to become effective learners who know their strengths and areas of development and can make considered decisions about their own learning so they can thrive, no matter the background.

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**Networked practice**

Describe how your work has influenced others and informed new ways of working at your site, across sites, or more broadly across the community.

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**Inspiring engagement**

Explain how you’ve effectively engaged with a variety of stakeholders to inform and enhance this practice.

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**Points to consider:**

* The response to each criteria in the nomination process has a 250 word limit. Make sure your answers are clear, concise, and written in plain English.
* Think about **1** good example and use the same example throughout each of the criteria, so that judges can see the focus on impact, sustainability and scalability of the initiative.
* The criteria is written in the first person however, if you are writing on behalf of an individual or team, consider it from their perspective.
* Judges may be unfamiliar with your area of work so avoid acronyms or relying on assumed knowledge. If you’re writing on behalf of someone, describe the context to give the judges a feel for the nominee/s.
* Ask a colleague or leader to read through your nomination before submitting.
* Once you have completed this, you will need to copy and paste this into your online application at [Public Education Awards (awardsplatform.com)](https://publiceducationawards.awardsplatform.com/).
* You will also need to provide additional information, such as, your site Leader and Education Director or Executive Director’s details for approval and endorsement.
* You will have the opportunity to attach 2 documents to support your nomination which may not exceed maximum 5MB. Please make sure that any critical information is addressed within the nomination and does not rely on the supporting documentation.