**Excellence in Leadership Award**

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

This award recognises outstanding leaders who engage hearts and minds and are catalysts for excellence and equity. It acknowledges leaders who actively engage with and support colleagues across networks and act to deepen and expand their diverse relationships to achieve impact. This award acknowledges leaders who cultivate high expectations, create an empowering environment and lead adaptively to enable employees to thrive and achieve positive outcomes.

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

**Positive impact**

Provide evidence (including indicators of growth) of how you actively engage and support others and establish environments where people thrive and prosper to achieve positive outcomes.

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**Outstanding 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.