**Award Nominations Are Open!**

Each year, we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our young people, our sites, our partners and our peers with a very special Awards Night Gala.

You can nominate people or organisations for the special recognition awards detailed below:

**To submit a nomination for any of the above categories, please email** **conference@dfnprojectsearch.org****. Award nominations can be submitted before 25th October 2024.**

Please use this form to make a nomination for one of the DFN Project SEARCH Spotlight Awards

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| The award I am nominating the person/organization for. *(Awards and their descriptions can be found below)* |  |
| I would like to nominate this person/partnership/ organisation for an award.  |  |
| This person is at this DFN Project SEARCH Site named |  |
| Nominator’s Name |  |
| Nominator’s Role/Department |  |
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Please select the award you are putting forward a nomination for:

**The Lorraine Cameron Award for Diversity and Inclusion**

**The Young Advocate Award**

**Excellence in Business Award: Best Educator**

**Excellence in Business Award: Best Supported Employment Provider**

**Host Business of the Year**

**Nomination Justification: *(please fill in the boxes below OR send us a 90 second video/audio clip justifying your nomination)***

1. Please describe why you have put forward the nominee for this award, giving specific examples of how they meet the criteria for the award (criteria below)

*(Please use a maximum of 250 words)*

1. Additional supporting comments

*(Please use a maximum of 250 words)*

**The Award Categories**

The **Lorraine Cameron Award for Diversity and Inclusion**, supported by Sodexo, will celebrate an exceptional equality and diversity professional who has implemented great changes in recruitment practices and in how young people with a learning disability are supported into work. *The nominations are open to equality and diversity professionals.*

**Excellence in Business Award: Best Educator** will be awarded to an educator who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to employers and businesses they collaborate with, and has built excellent partnerships with the business community. *Nominations are open to education professionals engaged with every stage of the internship programme from leading SI programmes across the country.*

**Excellence in Business Award: Best Supported Employment Provider** will be awarded to a supported employment provider that demonstrates an exceptional understanding of the important role employers and businesses play in supported internship programmes, builds excellent links with businesses and advocates for excellence in follow-along support. *Nominations are open to supported employment providers.*

**Host Business of the Year** is a prestigious award to celebrate the employer who goes the extra mile for our young people. They are recognised as hosts within their community, they create a welcoming environment for interns, job coaches and partners and they tell their DFN Project SEARCH story to encourage other employers to follow suit. *Private and public sector employers that are currently hosting internships can be nominated for this award.*