



# **National Apprenticeship Awards 2014**

Call for Entries!
To enter visit apprenticeships.org.uk/awards

The National Apprenticeship Awards 2014 close for those competing to be named 'the best of the best' on a regional and national level. The **search ends on Friday 28 March** to find England's top Apprenticeship employers and apprentices.

## **Employer Categories**

- Small Employer of the Year (1 24 employees)
- Medium Employer of the Year (25 249 employees)
- Large Employer of the Year (250 4,999 employees)
- Macro Employer of the Year (5,000+ employees)
- Newcomer SME of the Year (up to 249 employees)
- Newcomer Large Employer of the Year (250+ employees)

Once again the very best employer category entries will also have the additional bonus of featuring in the prestigious annual **Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers** list, which will be published later this year in partnership with City & Guilds.

#### **Apprentice Categories**

- Intermediate Apprentice of the Year
- Advanced Apprentice of the Year
- Higher Apprentice of the Year
- The City & Guilds Apprenticeship Champion of the Year

The City & Guilds Champion of the Year is open to former apprentices who have made exceptional achievements since

"I chose to follow the Apprenticeship route, as it provides an amazing opportunity to gain experience within the workplace whilst achieving a qualification and earning at the same time.

"My Apprenticeship has allowed me to get a taste of a finance environment and provided excellent support and guidance along the way, giving me the confidence to speak out and challenge existing processes and replace with more efficient and effective procedures. As a result of which I have rapidly progressed and been fast-tracked to a position of greater responsibility. I am very proud to be an apprentice in the NHS and would encourage all young people to consider this route."

Lydia Webster, apprentice, Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust – Investors in People Intermediate Apprentice of the Year 2013 their completion and go above and beyond to champion Apprenticeships.

#### **National Winner**

### Why should I apply?

- A top accolade for all the hard work put into excelling and playing a leading part in Apprenticeships
- The honour of being recognised as 'the best of the best' and an Apprenticeships exemplar
- Public recognition for your commitment through national, regional and sector media channels, likely to include radio and television coverage
- Become known as an Ambassador of Apprenticeships, helping to inform the government's future policy

#### When can I enter?

You can enter now, the National Apprenticeship Awards, close for entries on Friday 28 March 2014.

The Regional stage winners will be announced in September 2014 and the overall National accolade announced at The Skills Show at the NEC, Birmingham on the 13 November 2014.

#### How do I enter?

Apply online at <u>apprenticeships.org.uk/awards</u>. Only entries submitted through the online system will be accepted.

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