



# Worshipful Company of Educators

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**Teaching Shakespeare  
in Challenging Places**



## **Educators' Trust Awards for 2020 Announced Dinner & Awards Ceremony on Friday 24 April 2020**

The Trust of the Worshipful Company of Educators announced today the winners of its 2020 Awards for outstanding educators. The Chairman of the Trust, Dr Jennifer Somerville, was delighted with the calibre of the nominees. She said :

*“Our award winners go from strength to strength each year and the winners become more and more varied, from teachers of all levels and all sectors to educational leaders, curriculum designers and developers, programme managers, tutor-practitioners in the arts, mentors and facilitators.”*

The Trust's main award, *the Inspirational Educator Award*, the theme of which was 'Teaching Shakespeare in Challenging Settings', received 20 nominations from both prestigious and modest organisations in the field. The five judges, including Dr Alison Findlay, Chairman of the British Shakespeare Association, said that every one of the nominees was worthy of the prize.

Pamela Taylor, Master Educator 2019-2020, said:

*'In keeping with the long-established traditions of the Livery Movement, the Educators have, since their inception almost twenty years ago, been fully committed to a programme of charitable outreach towards those engaged in the vital work of education and training. To this end, we have built up our own tradition of charitable awards and bursaries given to outstanding and inspirational educators working in a wide range of settings, some of them particularly challenging. We wish to celebrate exceptional dedication, as well as promoting a better understanding of the challenges and successes in education and training across the full age range.'*

The Winners will be presented with their awards at the Annual Awards Dinner on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at the lovely Painters' Hall, City of London. The Trust and the Worshipful Company of Educators wishes all its winners most hearty congratulations.

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**Image available on request : 710 x 480 72 dpi**      *Shakespeare in Leicester Square*  
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## Notes to Editors

### 1\_ The Worshipful Company of Educators

The Worshipful Company of Educators was the 109th Livery Company to be granted this status by the City of London, in 2013. It was founded as a Guild in 2001 within the philanthropic tradition of the City of London livery companies. It provides a forum through meetings and social occasions to bring together members from all parts of the education world to discuss and exchange views on matters of topical interest. The Educators' Trust Fund - Charity Reg. No. 1104355 - provides Annual Awards and Bursaries to celebrate outstanding, innovative and inspirational practice in a variety of educational and community settings. Professor Raoul Franklin, then Vice Chancellor of City University, was the founding Master in 2001.

### 2\_ Master Educator Pam Taylor

Pam Taylor qualified in Drama and Education at the Rose Bruford College, She then completed a BA Honours in English at the University of Kent. Her long teaching career culminated in the post of Head of English at Bromley High School. She is currently Chair of English Examiners at Pearson Edexcel, and has worked in the UK and internationally as examiner, trainer, writer, scrutineer and consultant. She has written several Language and Literature textbooks and many teaching resources. As part of the City of London charitable tradition and for general education of its Freemen, Liverymen and the wider City, the Worshipful Company of Educator has provided an annual prestige speaker at the Franklin Lecture, named in honour of its Foundation Master.

### 3 \_ Dr. Jennifer Somerville

Dr Somerville has experience of teaching at all levels of education but most of her career was devoted to higher education. She was appointed to leadership roles culminating in the post of Pro-Vice Chancellor at a leading London university where she had responsibility for innovation, contract research, enterprise and professional training to business and public sector organisations. Subsequently she became a senior educational consultant with major European centres for management development, undertaking projects on leadership and education capacity-building in Europe, Russia, Ukraine, central and east Europe, South Africa and Ethiopia. As Trust Chairman, she believes that the Educators' charitable activities make a valuable contribution to demonstrating and promoting the really excellent and inspirational work that educators do in all sectors for all ages. "What we look for is 'outstanding practice' that inspires not only students but also other educators."

### 4\_List of Award Winners follow



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## Educators' Trust 2020 Awards & Bursaries

The Trust's main award, *the Inspirational Educator Award*, the 2020 theme of which was '*Teaching Shakespeare in Challenging Settings*'

The eight winners, listed in alphabetical order, were:

Jamie Brown, Director of Learning at *1623 Theatre Company*, Derby

Geoghia Ellinas, until recently Head of Learning at *Globe Education* (London's Globe Theatre)

Sam Kendall, Sherbourne Fields School (SEND), lead in Coventry for *Shakespeare Schools Foundation*

Rowan Mackenzie, researcher-practitioner at HMP Birmingham HMP Leicester, HMP Stafford, HMP Wakefield, HMP Gartree - nominated by four organisations

Sally Maddison, Sir John Sherbrooke School, lead in Nottingham for the *Shakespeare Birthplace Trust*

Darren Raymond, Artistic Director, at *Intermission Youth Theatre Company*, London

Dr Bruce Wall, Founder (with Dame Dorothy Tutin) and Director of *London Shakespeare Workout Prison Project*

Dr Nick Walton, Courses Development Manager and academic researcher, at *Shakespeare Birthplace Trust*, Stratford-on-Avon.

### **Continuing Yearly Awards, the Winners are:**

Gerry Alabone, Frames and Wood Conservation Tutor, *City & Guilds of London Art School*, and academic researcher, **Geoffrey Bond Bursary Award for Art**

Sheila Cohring, Head of *Galleywall Primary Academy*, London:  
**The Educators Company's Master's Award for outstanding school leadership**

Nicola Cook, CEO of *Company Shortcuts*, London: **Mary Lou Carrington Award for a Business Woman with a Significant Contribution to Education**

Ishmail, Peer Mentor, at *HMP Kirkham*, Preston. Educators' Trust-Prisoners' Education Trust joint award, '**Prison Educator of the Year**

Lizzi Kew Ross, Choreographer, Researcher and Teacher at *Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance*, London: **Keith Hutton Legacy Bursary Award for Theatre and Performing Arts.**