

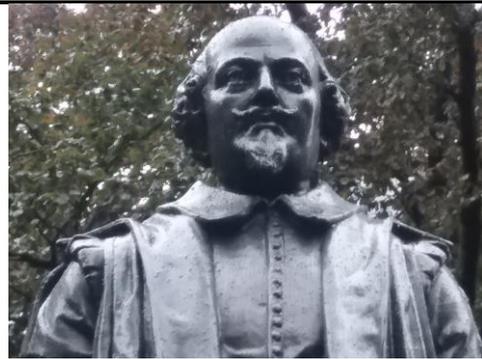


# Worshipful Company of Educators

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## Teaching Shakespeare in Challenging Settings

'Our wills are our gardeners'  
Othello



## COVID strikes Educators' Trust 2020 Awards Event

The COVID pandemic has forced the Worshipful Company of Educators to cancel its October 2020 Annual Award Dinner and Ceremony for outstanding educators. The Chairman of the Trust, Dr Jennifer Somerville, said :

*"We tried very hard to celebrate the achievements of our amazing Award & Bursary Winners but regret that it is not possible for the time being. There will be, however, an opportunity for the Company to publicly acknowledge the 2020 Awards winners at a formal event in the City in 2021."*

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 Guest Speaker at the now cancelled event, Patrick Spottiswoode, Director of Education, at London's Globe Theatre said :

*"I wholeheartedly endorse the Worshipful Company of Educators' annual awards to outstanding and inspiring educational practitioners. They endorse and celebrate the excellent educational work going on in our schools, colleges, universities, theatres, hospitals, community centres and many more settings. I am particularly grateful to the Worshipful Company for recognising the pioneering and transformative work being undertaken by colleagues who are committed to introducing the works and language of Shakespeare, playfully, to all."*

Richard Evans, Master Educator 2020-2021, said:

*'We continue to be impressed with the commitment and the talent of all teachers and trainers. The Annual Awards of the Trust of the Worshipful Company of Educators is normally a highlight of The Master's Year of Office. I regret missing it. Throughout the country even now educators are supporting our children, young adults and community with creativity and effort. We salute them all.'*

The Winners have been sent their Awards and Bursary cheques by post, instead of receiving them at an Awards Event held in the City of London.

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## Notes to Editors

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Shakespeare by Guildhall

### 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.

### 2\_ Patrick Spottiswoode, Director of Education at London's Globe Theatre

Patrick Spottiswoode joined Shakespeare's Globe in 1984 and became founding Director, Globe Education in 1989. Before Covid, 35 permanent members of staff and over 70 freelance staff in Globe Education worked with over 120,000 people of all ages and nationalities, pre-school to postgraduate, every year. Patrick has ensured that Globe Education has created projects with schools, families and residents locally in Southwark as well as internationally with outreach projects in Germany, the USA and China.

### 3\_ Master Educator Richard Evans

After teaching Overseas, Richard taught politics and history in schools and colleges, later becoming Director of Client Services at Woolwich FE College, helping the College become an associate of the University of Greenwich. He was a pioneer of PSHE - Personal, Social and Health Education - in both schools and colleges. Richard is now a Director of City of London based Marylebone Executive Search, a company which focuses on the charity and not-for-profit sectors. Richard has worked at Director level in large charities and is a Trustee of the Council for Education in the Commonwealth. He lives in Dulwich with his wife Sarah Jane who is a Master of Wine. They have two grown-up daughters.

### 4 \_ 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. 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."*

### 5\_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.**