



## Educators' Trust Announcement: Awards 2021

The Trust of the Worshipful Company of Educators announced today the winners of its 2021 Awards for Outstanding Educators. The Chairman of the Trust, Dr Jennifer Somerville, was delighted with the response to the call for nominations.

*“This year of the COVID-19 pandemic has been horrendous for the education sector. Leaders, teachers and governors of our schools, colleges and universities faced the enormous challenge of converting to online institutions. And let’s not forget the myriad of charities who have transformed their specialist and enriching learning into virtual experiences for students. Yet they all found the time to nominate some of the most outstanding candidates we have ever had. It has been a most humbling experience.”*

The Trust’s main award, *the Inspirational Educator Award*, the theme of which was ‘Environmental Education’ received nominations from both large national and modest local organisations in the field. The panel of judges said that every one of the nominees was outstanding.

The eight winners, listed in alphabetical order, are:

**Donna Ashlee**, Assistant Principal, Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Kent, nominated by Linking Environment and Farming, (LEAF), Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

**Gabrielle Back**, National leader in environmental education, Founder and Chair of SAVERS Charity, nominated by SAVERS, Coventry

**Katy Barton**, Iver Environmental Centre Manager, nominated by Groundwork South

**Kate Bygrave**, Learning Project Officer, nominated by the Green Spaces Dpt, City of London Corporation

**Ann Finlayson**, National and international leader in environmental education, Founder and CEO of Sustainability and Environmental Education (SEEd), nominated by Oxford Brookes University

**Heather Greenwood**, Gardening Teacher & ‘Grow It’ Champion, Birkwood Primary School, Barnsley, nominated by The Helen Hamlyn Trust, London

**Mark Stead**, National Learning Manager, nominated by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Gloucestershire



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**Brender Wilmott**, Lecturer and Project Officer, Beach Rangers Academy, nominated by Cornwall College.

In addition, exceptionally, **Andrew Copsey**, Lecturer and Mountain Leader, nominated by Capel Manor College, Enfield, was awarded a Highly Commended citation.

Other individual awards were won by:

**Terri Duhon**, Board Member, Morgan Stanley & Rathbones, Associate Fellow, Oxford University, nominated by Speakers for Schools, London – **The Mary Lou Carrington Legacy Award for a Businesswoman with a Significant Contribution to Education**

**Paul Jackson**, Head of Manorfield Primary School, London, nominated by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators, Richard Evans – **The Master's Award for Curriculum Innovation Leadership**

**Viv Lawes**, Lecturer in Art Histories and Antiquarian, nominated by The City & Guilds London Art School – **The Geoffrey Bond Bursary Award for Art**

**Glen Stewart**, Director of Professional Development, nominated by the National Centre for Circus Arts, London – **The Keith Hutton Legacy Bursary Award for Theatre and Performing Arts.**

**Lt Col Phil O'Callaghan RM**, nominated by The Defence Academy – **The Best Military Educator Award**

The Trust and the Prisoners' Education Trust regret that it was not possible to award their joint 'Prison Educator of the Year' Award 2021, because of Covid restrictions.

The Trust and the Worshipful Company of Educators wishes all its winners most hearty congratulations.

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