

2018 Shine a Light Awards



Shine a Light AWARDS 2016/17

Recognising national communications champions



SEN School or Group of the Year Award Winner: Ashmount School, Loughborough, Gareth Gates, host and judges; Malcolm Reeve, AET and Chris Hall, Pearson.



Primary School of the Year Award Winner: Parkdale Primary School, Nottingham with judges Lesley Munro and Jill Duffy, Pearson.



Communication Champion Award Winner: Ann Shellard, Early Language Consultant, Blackpool and host Gareth Gates.

PEARSON in partnership with the Communications Trust are pleased to announce that the annual Shine a Light Awards (SAL) will be taking place next year, on the 22nd March 2018.

Now in its 6th year, the 2018 Shine a Light Awards, will again recognise the incredible contributions of teams, settings and individuals across England who continuously and passionately support children and young people's communication development. The Shine a Light Awards have grown in popularity since its launch during the National Year



of Communication in 2011. To date, the awards has celebrated the work of over 98 teams and a wide range of individuals,

including young people with severe and complex speech, language and SLCN.

Winners of the 2016 awards categories:

Pearson Outstanding Achievement Award
Winner: Caspian Jamie

Early Years Setting of the Year Award
Winner: Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy, Newark-on-Trent

Primary School of the Year Award
Winner: Parkdale Primary School, Nottingham

Secondary School or College of the Year Award
Winner: Tor Bridge High, Plymouth

SEN School or Group of the Year Award
Winner: Ashmount School, Loughborough

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Award
Winner: Ingfield Manor School, Billingham

SLCN Innovation Award
Joint Winners: Mable Therapy, Leeds & Clearcut Communication (part of County Durham Youth Offending Service), Durham

Communication Champion Award
Winner: Ann Shellard, Early Language Consultant, Blackpool

Young Person of the Year Award
Winner: Gregor Gilmore, Bury

Communication Commitment School of the Year Award
Winner: Easton CE Academy, Bristol

To watch a video of all the winners from our 2016/17 Awards, hosted by Gareth Gates. Visit: pearsonclinical.co.uk/SAL2017



Young Person of the Year Award Winner: Gregor Gilmore, Bury and host Gareth Gates.



Secondary School or College of the Year Award Winner: Tor Bridge High, Plymouth, Gareth Gates, host and judges, Malcolm Reeve, AET and Chris Hall, Pearson.

Entries are opening soon - shine a light on you outstanding work
Entries for the 2018 award will open in October 2017. We are seeking schools, teams, young people and individuals who deliver innovative work and excellent best practice in supporting children and young people's communication development.

Does your school or setting champion speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) of children and young people? Do you know a young person with SLCN who supports other students and makes a difference? Are you a

Communication Champion? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. Don't delay, let us shine a bright light on you outstanding work. **A full list of award categories will be available towards the end of September, visit: www.shinealightawards.co.uk**

"It is an honour to be part of these exceptional awards and to champion what works for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). We encourage all settings, individuals and young

people to share their achievements so that we can together continue to innovate and raise awareness of best practice." **Chris Hall, Director of Clinical Assessment at Pearson**

Highlights from the 2017 Ceremony
The 2017 awards ceremony recognised 29 individuals and teams across 10 award categories, as well as children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). The ceremony, took place at Pearson's headquarters in London and was hosted by singer and theatre star

Gareth Gates, who has spoken publicly about living with a stutter and the impact this has had on his confidence. "It has been a complete honour to host these awards and congratulations to all the winners and highly commended finalists. Being able to communicate with confidence is often taken for granted but for many it is an everyday struggle. I have found my stutter crippling at times but I have learnt ways to manage my difficulties with the support of others". **Gareth Gates, Host of the 2016/17 Shine a Light Awards.**