

# Nominations are now open for the 2018 Shine a Light Awards!

BROUGHT to you by the Communication Trust and Pearson Assessment, the annual Shine a Light Awards returns on the 22nd March 2018 to once again unite outstanding individuals and organisations across England, to celebrate innovative work and excellent practice in supporting children and young people's communication development.

## Shine a Light Awards 2018: The national awards for developing children's communication

Launched as a flagship event in 2011, during the national year of communication, the Shine a Light Awards has been successful in raising the profile and phenomenal achievement of more than 100 organisations, schools and individuals across England.

Last year's ceremony 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. 29 individuals and teams across 10 award categories were recognised, as well as children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). You can watch a short film about the winners [shinealightawards.co.uk](http://shinealightawards.co.uk)

## Nominate an individual or organisation championing communication

Do you have an excellent plan in place to support pupils with speech, language and communication needs? Have you or your organisation adopted a fresh and innovative



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

approach to longstanding SLC/N challenges or problems? This is your opportunity to raise the profile of your school, or an individual championing communication. View the criteria for each award category and submit a written or video entry at [shinealightawards.co.uk](http://shinealightawards.co.uk)

## 2018 Award Categories:

- Early Years Setting of the Year Award
- Primary School of the Year Award
- Secondary School/College of the Year Award
- SEN School/Group of the Year Award
- SLCN Innovation of the Year Award
- Communication Champion of the Year Award
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication of the Year Award
- Youth Justice of the Year Award
- Child/Young Person of the Year Award
- The Katie Rough Memorial Award – New category!



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## About the organisers:

### Pearson:

Pearson is an established and well renowned publisher of standardised assessments and interventions that meet the needs of professionals working with children and adults in health, psychology and educational settings worldwide.

Their portfolio of assessments and resources support education professionals working with students of all ages, in mainstream and special education settings who may need additional learning support. They provide reliable tools that are used to profile students' strengths and weaknesses, identify areas to investigate further and chart progress and development. Working with some of the most respected names in the health, education and psychological fields, their robust and reliable assessments help professionals assess an individual's area of need, and plan measures that can support them throughout their life.

[pearsonclinical.co.uk](http://pearsonclinical.co.uk)

### The Communication Trust:

The Communication Trust is a coalition of over 50 not-for-profit organisations. Working together to support individuals and organisations who works with children and young people in England, to support their speech,



**Secondary School or College of the Year Award Winner:** Tor Bridge High, Plymouth, with event host Gareth Gates, and judges; Malcolm Reeve, Executive Director for Inclusion at Academies Education Trust (AET) and Chris Hall, Director of Assessment at Pearson.

language and communication. Their work focuses on supporting children and young people who struggle to communicate because they have speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) as well as supporting all children and young people to communicate to the best of their

ability. In 2011 the Trust ran Hello (the national year of communication) in conjunction with Jean Gross, the Government's Communication Champion for Children. Hello, aimed to make children's communication a priority in homes and schools across the UK.

The Shine a Light Awards were launched in 2011 as part of Hello and continue to celebrate the outstanding achievements of those who deliver innovative work and excellent practice in supporting children and young people's communication development. [thecomunicationtrust.org.uk](http://thecomunicationtrust.org.uk)