



Worshipful Company of Educators

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Prison Educators and Hospital Teachers rewarded

At its next annual glittering awards dinner in Painters' Hall, the Trust of the Worshipful Company of Educators will profile the inspirational work of teachers in some of the most challenging of environments - hospitals and prisons. Each year for its *Inspirational Educator* award the Trust identifies little known and largely unacknowledged educational settings where dedication, innovation and excellence are achieving remarkable results. In this round, two awards went to educators at the Great Ormond Street Hospital School, while a teacher at HMP Whitemoor won the Prison Educator of the Year award.

Dr Lis Goodwin, Master Educator, 2018/19 said

'As a young Company in the Livery Movement, the Educators have, from the start, been strongly aware of our responsibilities. Our charitable fund-raising is entirely committed to celebrating with awards and bursaries, outstanding and inspirational educators working in a wide range of settings, as well as to promoting a better understanding of the challenges and successes in education and training across the full age range.'

Among the awards funded by individual Liverymen, Theatre and Performing Arts was won by the famous BRIT School, among whose alumni are listed Adele and Tom Holland, and the Arts Prize went to City & Guild London Art School. Other awards went to excellence in mathematics, military education and vocational education, while the award for the Business Woman with an Outstanding Contribution to Education was won by Anne Richards, CEO of Fidelity International.

The Chairman of the Trust, Dr Jennifer Somerville, said,

"Amidst all the gloom and doom, it's important to remind ourselves of the exceptional high standards and commitment of the education profession in this country and celebrate its outstanding success in transforming lives."

The Annual Awards for the Worshipful Company of Educators – The Educators' Trust – will be held in the Painters' Hall on Friday 29th March with a fundraising dinner.

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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 - Charity Reg. No. 1104355 - provides Awards and Bursaries for outstanding, innovative and inspirational practice in a wide range of educational subjects, levels and settings.

2_ Dr Goodwin

Master Educator, Lis Goodwin has had mathematics as the basis of her career for many years. She has a first degree in mathematics, a Master's degree in statistics and a PhD in statistical applications. She was a polytechnic lecturer and inspector of higher education in mathematics. She then worked as the director of education for the actuarial profession. She was for several years a Council member and then Treasurer of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications. Her ambition is to make mathematics seen as a fun and useful subject relevant to all rather than a closed, scary and difficult one!

3 _ Dr. Jennie 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."

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Dr Jennie Somerville is available for interview, including Radio & TV