**SELEP Employer Skills Awards**

SELEP is keen to acknowledge the input of businesses into developing skills and employability in the South East region. With the increased demands on employers in terms of supporting the Apprenticeship Agenda, helping develop new curriculum and contributing to Enterprise Adviser networks, the Skills Showcase offers us the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of employers and to showcase the impact that their contribution has made to inspire and prepare young people for the fast-changing world of work, to support adults into employment and to upskill our existing workforce.

There are three SELEP skills award categories:

1. The employer award for large employers (250+ employees) who are working above and beyond to support people of all ages into employment.
2. The employer award for small employers (less than 250 employees) who are working above and beyond to support people of all ages into employment.
3. The Regional Award for examples of best practice and impact in each of our federated areas (Kent, Essex and East Sussex).

How to enter

Please see below for the criteria for these awards and nomination forms. To apply, please complete the attached nomination form and return to Louise Aitken (louise.aitken@essex.gov.uk), regional lead **by 16th June.**

Awards will be presented at the SELEP Skills Showcase event on the **7th of July 2017.**

Shortlisted entries will be informed **by 23rd June** and will be asked to provide a case study of their story to showcase at the event.

**CRITERIA**

We are keen not to limit nominations, so suggest that nominees use the below headings as guidance for their entries. These are not definitive and we are keen to hear of all that you are doing to support employment and skills in the region.

We would be keen to hear how employers have:

* Worked via strategic partnerships with training providers to inspire and prepare young people for the world of work
* Mobilised employees or other employers to help create strong employer networks for schools/colleges/universities
* Worked with education providers (schools, colleges and universities) to align the curriculum with local economic needs
* Worked with adults who are far from the workplace to support them back into work
* Promoted and supported Apprenticeship opportunities
* Devised new innovative ways of promoting learning and careers in your industry

**NOMINATION FORM**

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| **Name of company** **Address:****Contact name:****Email address:** |  |
| **Category entered** **(PLEASE DELETE THOSE WHICH ARE NOT APPROPRIATE)** | 1. The employer award for large employers who are working above and beyond to support people of all ages into employment.
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| **Please explain the work that your company has undertaken to support Employability and Skills in the South East and or in Kent, Essex or East Sussex, and explain why this work is an example of best practice. (300 words maximum)** |
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| **Have you worked in partnership with any other local stakeholders to deliver this work? (200 words maximum)** |
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| **What has been the impact of this work? (300 words maximum).** |
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