

# One week left to vote for an amazing teacher

Nominations for the awards are already flooding in, but with one week still to go until the closing date, The Welsh Government's Education Secretary, Kirsty Williams, is urging everyone to nominate their education heroes to ensure that excellent education professionals receive the recognition they deserve.

Categories for awards this year include Teacher and Headteacher of the Year, Best use of Digital Learning, Inspirational use of the Welsh Language and Promoting Wellbeing, Inclusion and Relationships with the Community.

For the new Youth Work in Schools category, judges will be looking for those who have shown real commitment to improving the standards of youth work in schools, excellent leadership skills, and a drive for personal and professional development.

Dylan Lewis, Best Use of Digital winner 2018, Pontarddulais Comprehensive said:

"Coming back to the school was amazing, it was lovely to have pupils and parents congratulating me on my achievements. Since winning the award, I have been invited to take part in discussions on the future direction of digital technologies both in the school and within our cluster schools.

"It is vital that in the teaching profession teachers are acknowledged when they go above and beyond. We are in a profession that has the ability to inspire the next generation of designers, developers and creators."

Education Secretary, Kirsty Williams said:

"We've already received so many fantastic nominations from across Wales for this year's awards, however I want to spread the message far and wide so we can celebrate all the very best that education in Wales has to offer.

"I'm also delighted that this year's awards will include the Youth Work in Schools category. Youth work plays a crucial role in supporting so many young people throughout Wales, helping them gain confidence and competence to ensure they fulfil their full potential. The award allows us to recognise the big impact their hard work has on the broader educational system.

"If you know someone that goes above and beyond the call of duty to

support the education of young people across Wales, be it a member of support staff, a teacher or a headteacher that is making big steps for your school, please take the time to nominate them and help us celebrate the greatest of Wales education professionals.”

To nominate a teaching professional doing great work in your area, visit [gov.wales/teachingawardscymru](http://gov.wales/teachingawardscymru). Nominations close 30 November 2018.

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The Professional Teaching Awards Cymru 2018 categories:

- NEW Youth Work in Schools
- Supporting Teachers and Learners
- School Business Manager/Bursar
- Promoting Collaboration to Improve Learning Opportunities
- Promoting Wellbeing, Inclusion and Relationships with the Community
- Teacher of the Year
- Headteacher of the Year
- Outstanding New Teacher
- Best use of Digital Learning
- Inspirational use of the Welsh Language

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