

signature annual awards

Signature
*excellence in communication
with deaf people*

About the awards

Many people deserve recognition for their dedicated efforts to overcome barriers to communication between deaf and hearing people. Signature Annual Awards provide that recognition by acknowledging those whose contribution moves us all further toward achieving a society in which deaf people have full access.

There are five award categories:

Joseph Maitland Robinson Award for Outstanding Contribution

Learner of the Year

Teacher of the Year

Communication Professional of the Year

Organisational Achievement

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Teacher of the Year



This award recognises those who through their drive and enthusiasm, classroom commitment and high-quality teaching have expanded provision, improved access or achieved consistently outstanding results in our qualifications.

Our Awards Panel will build regional shortlists from the nominations you submit. Regional winners will be presented with their award in summer 2009 and entered onto the shortlist for our over all Teacher of the Year Award.

Learner of the Year



Whether illustrated by outstanding results, barriers overcome or distance travelled, this award recognises the exceptional commitment made by many learners studying for our qualifications.

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JMR Award for Outstanding Contribution



Given in the name of our late benefactor, Joseph Maitland Robinson (JMR), this award recognises a significant contribution toward achieving a society in which deaf people have full access. It can be someone eligible for one of our other awards, a paid employee, an organisation or a volunteer. The award can acknowledge passion, long-term commitment or a timely intervention, service provision, teaching, learning, awareness-raising or campaigning.

Communication Professional of the Year



This award recognises registered communication professionals who have provided consistent, positive contributions to high-quality language access services. This award is open to registered communication professionals who have played a significant part in the provision and development of communication with deaf and deafblind people.

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Organisational Achievement



This award recognises an organisation in the public, private or voluntary sector which, through leadership or endeavour, have made a significant contribution to achieving a society in which deaf people have full access.

Annual awards ceremony



The awards will be presented at a glittering ceremony in London where winners from each of the five categories will be announced.

We will welcome family and friends to join them in celebrating their outstanding achievements.

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How to nominate

Nominations are now open. You can nominate someone you know, an organisation you are familiar with or even yourself. You can find the full criteria for each award and more details to help you with your nomination on our website.

It is simple to nominate, you can either complete one of our online nomination forms or if you would rather submit your nomination in BSL or ISL, simply record your nomination to DVD and post it to us with the completed contact details form.

Nominations for the Teacher of the Year and Learner of the Year close on Sunday 3 May 2009. Nominations for the Joseph Maitland Robinson Award for Outstanding Commitment, Communication Professional of the Year and Organisational Achievement close on Sunday 28 June 2009.


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