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The Staff Development Forum is delighted to announce the
2017 Developing Excellent Practice Award

to recognise and celebrate outstanding staff development individuals or teams

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The award is open to individuals and/or teams who have launched an initiative or project, during 2016/17, that has made a **significant and positive impact** to the Learning & Development / Organisational Development environment **and shows evidence of collaboration** both within and external to their own institution.

OVERVIEW

In the current climate in particular, Higher Education is facing considerable challenges and complex change. Those responsible for learning and organisational development in higher education institutions are contributing significantly to meeting those challenges and leading and facilitating change.

The SDF Developing Excellent Practice Award reflects the 2017 National Conference's over-arching theme of "Adapting learning in a changing HE environment." Shortlisted entries will be featured at the conference in Birmingham (29-30 November), with the winner being announced at the conference dinner on 29th November.

HOW TO ENTER

Complete the application form, which is available at www.sdf.ac.uk/news-events Submissions must be sent by email to Wendy Mason wendy.mason@sdf.ac.uk by **4pm on 11 August 2017**

Use the different sections of the form to describe why you consider you, the individual or the team should be considered for the award. If appropriate, the submission should address the project or initiative, its context and the development needs it sought to address. Describe the cross institutional collaboration, evaluation approaches and the impact of the activity. Provide evidence of demonstrable progress or success. Include feedback from those who have benefited and/or who sponsored the project within the institution(s). Identify potential learning points for other institutions.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The SDF Developing Excellent Practice Award seeks to recognise L&D / OD development projects or initiatives in the broadest sense that have made a significant and positive difference to individuals, teams, groups or the institution as a whole. The judging panel, which will comprise of representatives from the LFHE, SDF Executive and SDF Committee, will look for projects that:

1. Demonstrates a clear relationship with identified staff or organisational development needs.
2. Provides a significant contribution to developing excellent practice.
3. Shows evidence of collaboration either within or external to the institution .
4. Shows quantitative and/or qualitative evidence of impact.
5. Demonstrates a measurable return on investment (financial or otherwise).
6. Offers transferable learning for other organisations.

RULES OF ENTRY

To enter, the individual or team being nominated *must* be members of the Staff Development Forum. We expect to draw up a shortlist of entries, based on information provided on the application form by 8th September 2017. No feedback will be provided to entries that are not shortlisted. The judges' decision is final.

At least one representative from each shortlisted entry should be registered to attend the conference. Shortlisted entrants will also be asked to produce information about their entry as a PowerPoint show, video and/or poster; this will be used by the judges to aid their final decision. The winner of the award will be announced at the conference dinner on 29th November.