

Scottish Education Awards may come to Edinburgh

EDINBURGH SCHOOLS ARE TOP OF THE CLASS AS NATIONAL AWARD FINALISTS for Scottish Education Awards 2014

Two finalists from Edinburgh have beaten off stiff competition from across Scotland to be shortlisted at this year's Scottish Education Awards.

Tollcross Primary has been named as a finalist for the Creative Learning Award to recognise its Outdoor PE Project which involved creating an activity course consisting of eight stations along the Union Canal. Pupils used technology to create QR codes which give instructions for each activity, all of which develop a core PE skill. The project successfully linked the academic areas of health and wellbeing, PE and technologies.

Literacies for Employability East has also been named as a finalist in the Innovation in Literacy and Numeracy Teaching Practice Award category. The successful programme for young people aged 16-25 in the Craigmillar area has helped learners to achieve nationally recognised qualifications, improving their confidence and job prospects.

✘ The City of Edinburgh Council Education Convener, Councillor Paul Godzik, said: "In Edinburgh we have a wealth of talented teachers working on great initiatives and I'm delighted that we have two fantastic projects in this year's Scottish Education Awards. The 'Tollcross Outdoor PE Project' and the 'Literacies for Employability East Edinburgh' initiative have both been very successful and the staff involved truly deserve this recognition. I would like to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of all our staff and wish our finalists the very best of luck."

The finalists will attend an awards ceremony in Glasgow on Tuesday 10 June 2014 where judges will unveil the winners of each award category.

People in Edinburgh are being thanked for nominating their local schools, nurseries or individuals into the Scottish Education Awards 2014 so that their exceptional achievements can be recognised.

The awards, which celebrate the achievements of schools and teachers across Scotland, are open to all publicly funded schools, including secondary, primary, nursery and special schools. There are also categories to recognise and reward the dedication of teachers, head-teachers and support staff across the country.

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