NESCol nominated for three prestigious industry awards

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North East Scotland College is delighted to reveal that it has been shortlisted in no less than three categories at the 2015 College Development Network Annual Awards. These national awards recognise the talent, skills and achievements of colleges, their staff and learners, providing a valuable opportunity to celebrate the outstanding projects and initiatives taking place in colleges the length and breadth of Scotland.

NESCol has been shortlisted in the following categories: Employer Engagement, Essential Skills and Learning & Teaching.

In the category of Employer Engagement, NESCol is up against City of Glasgow College and West College Scotland. This award recognises creative approaches that a college has taken to enhance employer engagement activity that supports the ambitions of Developing the Young Workforce. Our submission, ‘Addressing the shortage of Veterinary Nurses in North East Scotland’, is based on the work which Heidi Douglas, Curriculum & Quality Manager for Animal Care & Horticulture and her team have done over the past year to deliver the Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing to our Veterinary Industry partners in the North East of Scotland. Heidi has worked with practices to help them become registered training practices, has offered clinical coach training, standardisation opportunities as well as much needed CPD.

In the Essential Skills category, the College is competing against Forth Valley College and Glasgow Kelvin College for this award which recognises a college that has introduced imaginative and inspiring ways which ensure that students develop essential skills. Our submission, ‘Embedding Enterprise across NESCol’, focuses on how all our students benefit from a range of inspiring events run by the College which awaken aspirations and expose the world of opportunity through their introduction to entrepreneurship, including:

- Enterprise Conference
- Be Your Own Boss Day
- Bridge2Business
- Elevator Challenge Weekend

Finally, NESCol is contending for the Learning & Teaching Award against Forth Valley College and SRUC. The award recognises a college that has implemented imaginative and creative ideas to improve the quality and effectiveness of learning, teaching and assessment. Our submission, ‘The NESCol Film Festival 2015’ describes how, by working with the Belmont Filmhouse, the College created a film festival to engage with the community, employers/industry professionals, University partners and national bodies such as the BBC and BFI (British Film Institute). An aim was to provide a high profile platform to celebrate student achievements by dedicating an evening to films created by students. Students from different subject areas brought together their creative
talents from within the structures of the curriculum, and demonstrated these within the context of an industry led enterprise.

The winners of the College Development Network Annual Awards will be announced at a black tie awards dinner on Thursday 26 November 2015 at The Grand Central Hotel, Glasgow.

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