

# Aspiration Awards 2024



## Judging panel

### Behind every success, there is aspiration

Our Aspiration Awards judges play key roles across the education sector and help to inspire exceptional work in education. We're excited to announce that this year's judges are:

### Against All Odds



**Kim Taylor**

NCFE  
Director of Brand, Comms  
and Partnerships



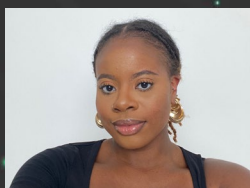
**Gavin O'Meara**

FE News  
CEO and Founder



**Olly Newton**

Edge Foundation  
Executive Director



**Lamide Odanye**

LIVE (Learn, Inspire,  
Visualise, Elevate)  
Co-Founder

### Apprentice of the Year



**Leanne Poole**

NCFE  
Head of EPA Operations



**Joseph Lennox**

HMRC  
Senior Policy Advisor



**Kasim Choudhry**

Pathway Group  
Director - ThinkFest



**Emily Rock**

Association of Apprentices  
CEO

### Centre of the Year



**Julie Hyde**

NCFE  
Director of External and  
Regulatory Affairs



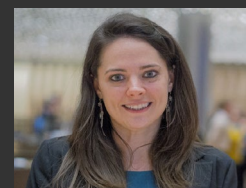
**Mahreen Ferdous**

Ufi  
Project and Partnerships  
Manager



**Julie Lappin**

Greater Manchester  
Learning Provider  
Network



**Sarah Waite**

Get Further  
CEO

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### Learner of the Year



**David Gallagher**

NCFE  
Chief Executive



**Rachel Johnson**

PiXL  
CEO



**Catherine Sezen**

AoC  
Interim Director  
of Education Policy



**Ben Rowland**

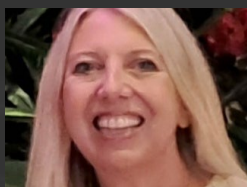
AELP  
CEO

### Support Staff of the Year



**Brian Queen**

NCFE  
Head of  
Customer Service



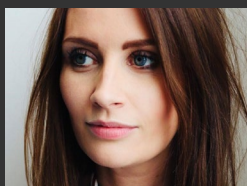
**Jacqui Jones**

The Exams Office  
Head of Operations &  
Governance



**Nicholas Robert**

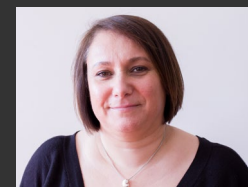
Learning Vault  
CEO



**Lucy Dunleavy**

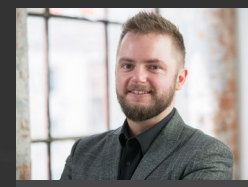
Learnbox  
CEO & Founder

### Educator of the Year



**Sacha Finkle**

NCFE  
Director of Delivery



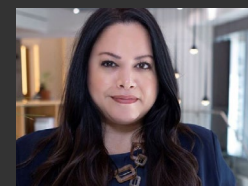
**Shane Chowen**

FE Week  
Editor



**Dr. Katarina Kolyva**

Education Training  
Foundation  
CEO



**Parisa Shirazi**

WorldSkills UK  
Director of Standards