



Do you work with a colleague who has made an exceptional contribution to the workplace?

Announcing the 2020 CoLRiC Jeff Cooper Award for Inspirational Information Professional of the Year

'Libraries play a critical role in supporting organisational goals and strategies. Our resources and services have demonstrable value and impact helping create and sustain an institution-wide lifelong learning environment.' Mirna Peach and Corinne Walker, the Co-Chairs of CoLRiC

'To be acknowledged by one's peers is the greatest professional compliment.' Jeff Cooper

The Jeff Cooper Award for Inspirational Information Professional of the Year is named in honour of CoLRiC's founder and is presented every year to an individual who demonstrates a commitment to change lives and empower students.

At our conference in Birmingham last year Bournemouth and Poole College's Liz Organ was honoured with the award in celebration of her work with students with special educational needs and disabilities. Her "Share a Story" initiative has made reading more accessible and attractive to students, inspiring their curiosity, and encouraging them to explore their reactions to situations in the wider world. Her interventions have helped students with both their social and literacy skills.

We're now looking for 2020 nominations for a colleague in your Library/Learning Resources Service who you admire and has a proven commitment to:

- Meeting the needs of students in any capacity: academic, personal or vocational
- Engaging with, and cultivating, productive collaborative partnerships with academic staff and student support services

The nominee can be at any level in the service, from library assistant to senior manager.

They need to be:

- Inspirational and enthusiastic
- A team player and/or leader
- Creative, resourceful and enterprising
- Dedicated to going that extra mile to deliver excellence and innovation

How do you apply?

- Any College Library/Learning Resources Service that is a current member of CoLRiC is eligible to apply for the CoLRiC Jeff Cooper Inspirational Information Professional of the Year Award
- Email colric@colric.org.uk to request a nomination form
- One application will be accepted from each organisation, signed by the proposer and authorised by the Head of Service. (If the Head of Service is proposing a colleague, it should be authorised by the Vice Principal or equivalent.)
- All submissions will be reviewed and shortlisted by a panel made up of members of the CoLRiC Executive Committee. An independent external judge will choose the winning entry from a shortlist.

Guidance

The nomination should be accompanied by a qualifying statement or citation articulating the individual's exceptional contribution to the service and organisation beyond their job description or role. The word count is 500 words or less.

- How have they enhanced service delivery?
- How have they engaged staff and students?
- How have they raised the profile of the service internally and externally?
- What projects or initiatives have they contributed to or led?
- What professional development activities have they undertaken in pursuit of service enhancement?
- A maximum of two supplementary documents can accompany the submission. For example, a CV or project overview.

You cannot nominate yourself for this award.

What will the winner get out of this?

The winner will receive a trophy and certificate. You will also:

- Receive national recognition for your contribution across the FE and Sixth Form College Sector
- Be featured in our e-newsletter CoLRiC Impact
- Be invited to our 2020 Conference in Birmingham on Friday 5th June 2020

Timelines

- Submissions open from 20th March 2020
- The closing date is 24th April 2020
- The winner will be chosen from all submissions and notified by 15th May 2020
- The award will be announced at the Conference in June 2020

If you require further advice and information, please contact the CoLRiC admin team at: colric@colric.org.uk