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NASBTT Awards 2019: Unity Schools Partnership's Helen Main wins Administrator of the Year award

Helen Main, ITT Manager at Unity Schools Partnerships, has been named Administrator of the Year by the National Association of School-Based Teacher Trainers (NASBTT), the voice of school-led initial teacher training and development.

Helen beat off fierce competition from Ailsa Anderton (North West SCITT) and Cathy Scott (Kirklees and Calderdale SCITT), who were runners-up in NASBTT's Administrator of the Year award. The category recognises exceptional administrators who go above and beyond in ensuring the smooth running and success of school-based provision.

In awarding the Administrator of the Year prize, the judging panel comprising of education and ITT experts said: "Helen emerges as a worthy winner in the Administrator of the Year category from a strong field of evidently hard-working and dedicated professionals. What particularly impressed the judges was the fact that she demonstrates, day-in and day-out, the exceptional dedication and commitment to the partnership and the trainees it recruits and trains. The nomination cited her 'relentless optimism, positivity and solution-focused attitude...someone who significantly influences strategy and operation'. Of particular note was the exemplary way she absorbed a lengthy and complex period of jury service whilst ensuring that the partnership continued to function smoothly and efficiently. It is evident that Helen is highly regarded by trainees, not least because of her tireless commitment to promoting and enhancing their mental and emotional wellbeing."

Upon receiving the award, Helen said: "I am hugely honoured to have been nominated and greatly humbled to have received the inaugural NASBTT Administrator of the Year award. As administrators we share in the highs and lows with the trainees and their tutors. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. I wish to thank NASBTT for supporting myself and others in the pursuit of continuous improvement to provide an outstanding local ITT provision."

The inaugural NASBTT Awards, held at the Union Jack Club in London on 11th July, were launched to celebrate excellence in school-based teacher education and recognise the exceptionally hard-working and talented professionals involved in driving the profession.

Sponsoring NASBTT's Administrator of the Year award category was TeachVac, a free-to-use national vacancy system for schools and teachers.

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