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NASBTT Awards 2019: Nottinghamshire Torch SCITT wins Innovative Practice of the Year award

Nottinghamshire Torch SCITT has won the Innovative Practice of the Year award from the National Association of School-Based Teacher Trainers (NASBTT), the voice of school-led initial teacher training and development.

Nottinghamshire Torch beat off fierce competition from North West SCITT and Now Teach who were runners-up in NASBTT's Innovative Practice of the Year award. This category recognises innovative ways for training the next generation of teachers and how this practice is promoting new entrants to the profession.

In awarding the Innovative Practice of the Year prize, the judging panel comprising of education and ITT experts said: "Emerging as the clear winner of the award for Innovative Practice of the Year, Nottinghamshire Torch SCITT demonstrated a strong outward-looking approach, using a diverse range of settings across their programmes, including forest schools and specialist settings. The nomination states: 'Each trainee will have visited over eight different school settings, whilst undergoing a large number of training days...they develop a strong understanding of different educational settings, leadership and management philosophies and catchment areas prior to seeking employment'. The element of innovation that was most significant was the focus on international education. The SCITT currently provides a fully-funded trip to Finland and is exploring a visit to Houston moving forwards, which shows a commitment to sustaining their approach to innovation over time."

Upon receiving the award, Nottinghamshire Torch SCITT Director Treena Philpotts said: "It is a great honour to be given this award in recognition of our work in developing a wide range of opportunities for our trainee teachers. We know that within teaching having the opportunity to visit a full range of educational settings is critical for teachers to develop their own philosophies, values and pedagogical approaches. We continue to see innovative practice within schools; teachers themselves never stop learning and it is important to develop this

ethos at the Initial Teacher Training phase as these are our future school leaders. I wish to thank the SCITT team and the wider school partnerships within and beyond the Nova Education Trust as well as the Jyvaskula Teacher Training School who have shown so much commitment in supporting our programme. We really enjoyed the evening and thank you to NASBTT, Dr Adam Boddison and Nasen for presenting this award.”

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 Innovative Practice of the Year award category was Nasen, the UK’s leading organisation for promoting the education, training, advancement and development of all those with special and additional support needs.

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