

YORK TRAINING CENTRE CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

York Training Centre held its annual Celebration of Achievement at The Guildhall on Monday 23rd June. This prestigious event is held every year to celebrate the success of learners who have completed their work-related learning programmes with the council's Training Centre.

This year, the awards ceremony was attended by Bill McCarthy, Chief Executive, Andrew Waller, Leader of the Council and Carol Runciman, Executive Member for Children and Young People, together with learners and their families and employers involved in the learners' training.

The evening started with opening speeches by Christine Carlton, manager of the centre and Bill McCarthy. One of the centre's ex-learners who successfully completed his qualification and is now in employment then spoke about his experiences and the value of the work he did with York Training Centre. Two employers – Christine Maskill from Providers in Partnership and Richard May from Rossmoor Farm – then spoke about their involvement in the Work Based Learning programme and the benefits to both learners and employers. Following a buffet supper, the awards to current learners were presented to 38 learners completing a range of courses at the Training Centre by Bill McCarthy.

In addition to the certificates presented for completing courses, some special awards were also presented to four Students of the Year (Schools), three Students of the Year (Apprentices), the Most Improved Learner of the Year and, a first for the Training Centre, a Group Award for Outstanding Teamwork and an Outstanding Achievement Award. Centre Manager, Christine Carlton, said 'The awards ceremony is a great opportunity to recognise the hard work and dedication of these young people'.