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**28 March 2025**

**Hardwick Hall Hotel**

**APPRENTICE EMPLOYER OF  
THE YEAR AWARD**

Entry form and award criteria

**ABOUT THE APPRENTICE EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**This category celebrates employers who can showcase a strong commitment to employing, nurturing and supporting apprentices. If you can demonstrate the contribution and success that apprenticeships have brought to your organisation, then this an award for you.  
  
Judges are looking for exemplar employers who showcase the measurable benefits that apprentices have provided and showcase the benefits gained by developing their workforce through apprenticeship schemes. The judges will also be looking for examples of best practice and the support put in place to help the development of apprentices within the workplace.  
  
**Award Criteria:  
  
1.** Employers must have employed 1 or more apprentices for a minimum of 12 months.  
 **2.** All employers must be located in the North East region or be able to provide   
 evidence of true contribution to the region and be members of NEPIC  
 **3.** All applications will be required to provide a supporting statement   
 from an apprentice under their employment  
 **4**. All employers must be registered with a recognisable apprenticeship provider

As well as receiving a trophy to mark the winner’s success at the prestigious NEPIC Annual Awards Dinner, held at Hardwick Hall on the evening of Friday 28 March 2025, each of the award winners will receive a prize of £2,000 to donate to their chosen school for use in a STEM-related project.  
  
**“WE ARE ASTOUNDED TO HAVE WON THE AWARD. TO ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE TO GROW WITHIN YOUR ORGANISATION IS FANTASTIC AND PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE.”**Joanne Potter, Sembcorp Energy UK

**How to enter:**  
  
Please complete the entry form below in full, ensuring you answer each of the 5 criteria.

Completed forms should be submitted electronically, clearly stating your name and chosen category on the top of the document, no later than the entry deadline of  
 **31 December 2024** to [awards@nepic.co.uk](mailto:awards@nepic.co.uk).

**We wish you the very best of luck with your entry!**

**APPRENTICE EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
Entry form  
  
Part 1: Personal details**

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| Organisation |  | | | |
| Contact Person |  | | | |
| Job Title |  | | | |
| Company Address |  | | | |
| Postcode |  | | | |
| Telephone No. |  | | | |
| Mobile No. |  | | | |
| E-mail Address |  | | | |
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| Number of Employees | *Less than 250* |  | *More than 250* |  |
| Date first apprentice recruited: |  | | | |
| Currently No. of Apprentices: |  | | | |
| Name of Apprenticeships provider: | *[College, training provider etc that you work with to provide your apprenticeship programme]* | | | |
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| **Your Nominated School** |  | | | |
| School Name |  | | | |
| School Contact |  | | | |
| Address |  | | | |
| Postcode |  | | | |
| Telephone No. |  | | | |
| E-mail Address |  | | | |

**APPRENTICE AWARDS  
Entry form**

**Part 2: Award Criteria**

**Please provide a supporting statement for each of the 5 criteria.**

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| 1. Please give a background overview of your current apprenticeship scheme. |
| Type answer… |

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| 1. Please demonstrate your commitment to your apprentices by describing how they are fully integrated within your organisation. |
| Type answer… |

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| 1. How have your apprentices enabled your business to grow and what value has this added to your organisation? |
| Type answer… |

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| 1. Please give an example of an apprentice/apprentices that represent outstanding levels of achievement as well as inspirational qualities. *If you think any of your apprentices are exceptional, please nominate them for our apprentice award.* |
| Type answer… |

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| 1. How does your organisation plan to support the development of your apprentices over the next 3-5 years? |
| Type answer… |