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e-Learning Foundation Home Access Awards Open For Entries

Charity spotlights 'best in class' e-learning projects

June 8 2009: The e-Learning Foundation, a national charity dedicated to erasing the digital divide in the UK, has opened up entries to Primary and Secondary schools across the UK for its inaugural "e-Learning Foundation Home Access Awards 2009".

The e-Learning Foundation Home Access Awards are open to schools which have set up successful, sustainable e-learning projects to provide children with home access to technology for their studies. There is also an award for the most innovative Local Authority and the most supportive supplier. as well as an individual award for the most outstanding personal contribution.

"In recognizing exemplar schools and initiatives across the country, we hope to encourage entries to come forward and share best practice, experience and implementations of their home access projects and put their achievements in the spotlight," commented Valerie Thompson, Chief Executive of the e-Learning Foundation.

"Online access to learning technologies at home is now central to 21st century education, yet there are still 1.4 million children in the UK who live in households without internet access. Lack of such access disadvantages children when doing their homework and acquiring computer skills now needed for 90% of new jobs. The e-Learning Foundation Home Access Awards will draw attention to the digital divide, whilst rewarding projects that have worked hard to give all children the chance in life they deserve".

Categories for the e-Learning Foundation Home Access Awards will include:

Most successful school: parent partnership

Most innovative project

Most innovative Local Authority

Most outstanding personal contribution

Most supportive supplier

Home Access school of the year

The entry form for the e-Learning Foundation Home Access Awards 2009 is available to download <http://www.e-lf.co.uk/awards-09/> now. Entries for the awards will close on Friday 9th October 2009. The winners will be announced at the e-Learning Foundation's Autumn Conference 2009 to be held in London in November.

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Editor's Notes:

About the e-Learning Foundation:

The e-Learning Foundation was launched in 2001, to ensure that every schoolchild in the UK should have home access to learning technologies when and where they want to learn.

The Foundation, a registered charity, aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure that all children, irrespective of their background, can have the same access to technology for learning at home as their better off peers.

The Foundation is funded through the public, private and third sector in the form of Government grants, commercial sponsorship, grants and donations.

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