

THE AWARDS 2021

Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community

Institution name	Birmingham City University
Submission title or project name	Re-opening of Seacole Building for Covid-19 training
Nominee/key personnel	
URL	
Submission	<p>In April 2020, Birmingham City University played a key role in the local response to the coronavirus crisis by providing essential skills training to student nurses, existing NHS staff who were returning to practice and staff being redeployed to critical care areas.</p> <p>The University's action saw the reopening of the Seacole Building, with the rapid development and delivery of a logistical plan involving staff mobilisation, collaboration, skills mapping and prioritisation of clinical service needs.</p> <p>Over a thousand clinicians, including our own students, received a far-reaching training programme covering eight different skills needed to take on frontline NHS roles in the fight against the virus. This programme was innovative, cost-effective and all risks to patients eliminated, as the learning took place within the City South Campus with its state-of-the-art facilities.</p>