

THE AWARDS 2021

Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community

Institution name	University of Central Lancashire
Submission title or project name	The University of Central Lancashire's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Nominee/key personnel	
URL	
Submission	<p>The University of Central Lancashire went above and beyond our own very high standards of community and civic responsibility at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>The university instigated hundreds of supportive projects, initiatives and supply chains to aid the myriad communities it serves. We have the largest university health provision in Lancashire, and mobilised significantly and quickly to assist regional healthcare partners – 20 of our final-year medical students and >300 of our final-year nursing students were graduated early to join the medical frontline; our Sports Centre was repurposed to provide extra bed capacity as a patient recovery centre to support the NHS in Lancashire; with the NHS we co-established and housed the first fully-operational Covid-19 LAMP testing facility in the UK; we provided expertise in teaching critical medical skills, mental health support, ethics support, psychology support, and manufactured critical breathing valves for local hospitals, and much more besides.</p>