

# THE AWARDS 2021

## Outstanding Technician of the Year

<b>Institution name</b>	Andy Whittam, <i>University of Reading</i>
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	Outstanding contribution to environmental sustainability and the sustainability of technical skills
<b>Nominee/key personnel</b>	
<b>URL</b>	
<b>Submission</b>	<p>Andy Whittam, Technical Manager, is a human dynamo in his commitment to university strategy, his team, and the staff and students across many schools at the University of Reading.</p> <p>He is passionate about environment sustainability and has shown exemplary initiative, performance, and cross-university teamwork, achieving tangible, impressive results in reducing our carbon footprint, particularly associated with laboratory infrastructure.</p> <p>His enthusiasm and determination extend to driving complex infrastructure projects and he is well known and respected across the campus, often being the 'go to' person when colleagues require advice and creative solutions.</p> <p>Andy wholeheartedly engages with our Technician Commitment action plan and his workshop team significantly benefits from his drive for excellence, positivity, patience and empathy. He brings out the best in others and has inspired even those who are close to retirement in their career development, giving them confidence to succeed in areas that they would not have considered previously.</p>