THE AWARDS 2020

Outstanding Technician of the Year

Institution name	Paul Driver, *Anglia Ruskin University*
Submission title or project name	
Nominee/key personnel	Paul Driver, Senior Learning Technologist
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Submission	Paul has been the driving force behind the pedagogic application of virtual reality (VR) within the Faculty of Health, Education, Medicine and Social Care at Anglia Ruskin University. He pioneered the creation of immersive technologies to train teachers, support speakers of English as a second language, develop empathy, and hasten the acquisition of context-based skills in trainee nurses and social care professionals. Paul's close collaboration with academics has resulted in multiple funded research projects, partnerships, publications and speaking invitations. Drawing on an extensive range of technical skills and a background in the creative arts, Paul builds the VR learning resources to make these projects possible. Paul is a thought leader, creative practitioner and source of inspiration for teachers, researchers and the learning technician community, both nationally and internationally. Through his support, he has had an exceptionally positive impact on student learning at individual, group and faculty levels within his institution.