

THE AWARDS 2020

Outstanding Contribution to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Institution name	University of Huddersfield
Submission title or project name	
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Submission	<p>The University of Huddersfield has piloted an innovative scheme that has given 150 local young people with learning difficulties the chance to experience the world of work across its campus, while mentoring and supervision opportunities had a positive impact on university staff who worked with the students from the town's Kirklees College.</p> <p>The initiative builds upon a well-established relationship between the university and the college's Learning Foundation Team, which offers courses to school leavers with barriers to learning such as social and behavioural problems, learning difficulties or a mental health vulnerability. It also fully reflects the university's strategy of providing excellent service to the communities it supports, as well as its commitment to engaging with university staff for their continuous personal improvement.</p> <p>The programme has improved the confidence and work-based and social skills of the students, while university staff found the programmes empowering and enriching for their own personal development.</p>