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THE Awards 2019 – Most Innovative Teacher of the Year

Institution/Nominee	Gill Foster, London South Bank University
Title	Enhancing student success through creative industry partnerships
Key personnel	Gill Foster Associate Professor Drama and Performance
URL	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ggdr6YYtWyI (Blood Wedding International Scenic Project – Youtube)
Submission	<p>As an academic-theatre practitioner, Gill Foster is acutely aware of the difficulties faced by students, often from non-traditional backgrounds, entering the theatre profession. A desire to develop students' socio-cultural resilience and access to employment opportunities, led Gill to develop an innovative, work-based learning programme at London South Bank University based on creative industry partnerships, both in the UK and internationally.</p> <p>Gill replaced the traditional modular teaching structure with a series of intensive artistic residencies led by academic and industry practitioners. She also developed a unique enhancement programme offering students access to artistic international projects, which extend their horizons as early career artists and citizens.</p> <p>Many of her students have established their own theatre companies or solo performance careers and are working successfully in the industry. Gill has written and presented widely on her international projects and a Spanish TV documentary about one of these will be released later this year.</p>