



THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community

Institution/Nominee	Sheffield Hallam University
Title	South Yorkshire Futures
Key personnel	Greg Burke, Director of South Yorkshire Futures
Submission	<p>South Yorkshire Futures is a sector-leading social mobility partnership improving the educational attainment and raising aspiration for young people in the region.</p> <p>The programme – initiated and led by Sheffield Hallam University – provides an overarching framework to bring about consistent and sustained improvement in school attainment. Research shows that young people in South Yorkshire are less likely to achieve good GCSEs, less likely to remain in education and have fewer life opportunities than their peers across the country.</p> <p>Working through a coherent framework of projects across all age ranges and all four South Yorkshire local authorities, the programme utilises the academic expertise in Sheffield Hallam's Institute of Education to build on existing best practice and identify areas of highest impact.</p> <p>The approach embodies the university's' strategic mission to Transform Lives and receives strong support from the Department for Education, local schools and colleges, and the regional Mayor.</p>