



**The Trustees of the [Association of Colleges Charitable Trust](#) are delighted to be able to support its Beacon Awards through the sponsorship of this new award.**

The AoC Charitable Trust is a Registered Charity which was established in 1994 to advance the education of members of the public over the age of 16 years. It currently does this through the AoC Beacon Awards, the AoC Gold Awards for Distinguished Alumni of Further Education Colleges and through an International Mentoring Project.

Through these programmes it offers organisations sponsorship opportunities to fund the activities as well as providing them with an opportunity to fulfil part of their Corporate Social Responsibility agenda as well as promoting their brand values and reputation in the sector.

The Trust would be interested to have feedback from Colleges on the areas which it feels it could add value to your learners. It is the Trust's intention to hold an online silent auction in 2012 to raise funds to support current and future activities whilst at the same time providing Colleges and others with goods and services which are of benefit to staff and/or students.

More general information on the AoC Charitable Trust is available on the AoC website. Please contact Alice Thiagaraj if you have feedback on the work of the Trust.



## AoC Charitable Trust Award for Innovation in FE

**This award is open to all Further Education Colleges, Sixth Form Colleges and Tertiary Colleges which can demonstrate successful and innovative approaches in any aspect to supporting learning for a wide range of learners enabling development of a high level of skills and knowledge meeting the demands of employers and/or progression to FE or HE.**

The award will be made to the College which can demonstrate the most successful initiative which transforms the capability of learners to successfully achieve their individual aims, gain qualifications and/or progress to employment or FE/HE.

**Colleges should be able to provide evidence of achievement of the general Beacon criteria particularly highlighting how the initiative demonstrates:**

- Effective leadership and management resulting in sustained excellence or significant improvements in quality
- Partnership arrangements that support the College in meeting the needs of its community
- The promotion of transformational teaching supporting high levels of achievement and progression to employment, FE or HE
- Innovative curriculum provision that meets the range of learning and social/personal needs of learners **and** promotes equality and diversity

Assessors will also take account of the scale of the initiative and its significance in the context of the whole College.

*Reminder: Colleges may make only one submission for an award and may not make the same submission for more than one award.*