

# This year's outstanding North West Apprenticeship Awards finalists have been selected

The North West Apprenticeship Awards are underway for 2023, and this year's shortlist of outstanding finalists has been decided. The awards, hosted by Ben Hanlin, will be held on Thursday February 9th – for more information, or to get tickets visit [northwestapprenticeshipawards.co.uk](http://northwestapprenticeshipawards.co.uk) – tickets are £49.

The awards celebrate the apprenticeships of the North West – both the enterprising learners who help bring new and unique ideas to the region's business community, and the providers dedicated to offering excellent opportunities to learn.

We sought nominations for 10 categories, representing a range of industries and ways that people across the North West have contributed to apprenticeships. Every year we look for the best of the best, and we weren't disappointed.

These apprentices and providers help create the future of business in the northwest – and this year's finalists are an exceptional group that has gone above and beyond to achieve incredible results over the last year.

The full list of finalists is as follows:

## **Apprentice of the Year – Health, Wellbeing & Care**

Corban Bowers – Pebble Biotechnology Laboratories

Lisa McDonald – Tameside Children's Services

Sue Parkinson – Wigan Council

## **Apprentice of the Year – Construction & Property Industries**

Georgina Ronksley – HBD

Adam Shepherdson – Bolton at Home

**Apprentice of the Year – Retail, Travel, Tourism & Hospitality**  
– sponsored by [Skern Training & Skills](#)

Vicky Joynson – McDonalds

Phoebe Sinnott – McDonalds

**Apprentice of the Year – Engineering & Manufacturing**

Christopher Atherton – MGF

Brian McClintock – Luxfer MEL Technologies

Maison Heywood – Sumed International (UK) Ltd

**Apprentice of the Year – Professional Services**

Marcus Digby – IBM

Katie Galvin – Peli Products UK

Dhanisha Vyas – Capgemini

**Apprentice of the Year – Tech, Digital & Creative**

Andrew Gaskell – UK Tote Group

Ryan Pitt – Auto Trader

Amy Pridding – AJ Bell

Madeline Thorp – Cornerstone Design and Marketing

**Apprentice of the Year – Public Services & Education –**  
sponsored by [AstraZeneca](#)

Joe Cegla – Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service

Charlotte Jones – Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network

Sarah Salisbury – Electricity North West

**SME Employer of the Year** – sponsored by [Manchester Metropolitan University](#)

Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network

Pebble Biotechnology Laboratories

**Large Employer of the Year** – sponsored by [University of Salford](#)

AJ Bell

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Matalan Retail Limited

**Training Provider of the Year** – sponsored by [Electricity North West](#)

Manchester Metropolitan University

Wigan and Leigh College

We can't wait to celebrate this incredible group of finalists, and we hope to see you there on the evening of February 9 – for more information, or to get tickets, visit [northwestapprenticeshipawards.co.uk](http://northwestapprenticeshipawards.co.uk). Tickets are tickets are £49.

