



'Wonderful and inspirational' tutor up for top Further Education award

A plumbing tutor at the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL) is in the running to be named Further Education Lecturer of the Year.

Paul Oatham has been shortlisted in the Pearson Teaching Awards 2018 after being praised as a 'wonderful and inspirational' teacher by his students and colleagues.

The Pearson Teaching Awards recognise the outstanding work of exceptional teachers, teaching assistants, headteachers and further education lecturers across the UK.

Rachel Joseph, 46, who is studying a Plumbing Diploma Level 2 after completing a Level 1 last summer, was one of the students who nominated Mr Oatham for the award.

She said: 'We never had a teacher like Paul. He cares for every one of us and goes out of his way to explain what we need to know and help us through our exams. He is a great support and mentor.

'He sends us videos of what is coming up on the course and makes sure everything is ready. It's all there, step by step. He's very inspirational and motivates his students, and just a wonderful teacher.'

Award nominees for the Further Education Lecturer of the Year are judged based on the



Plumbing tutor Paul Oatham, who has been nominated for the Further Education Lecturer of the Year in the Pearson Teaching Awards, with some of his students.

learning environment they have created, teaching and learning, working with others, assessment and their contribution outside the classroom.

CONEL also nominated Mr Oatham who was awarded a Staff Excellence Award by the College in 2017 and was described as 'a brilliant teacher'.

Mr Oatham said: 'I believe passionately in teaching and learning, and it's unbelievably humbling to be recognised and be put forward by this group of learners and the College for this award.'

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Put your heart into a plumbing career

Plumbing is one of the world's oldest professions dating back to Roman times.

It was even considered a great choice of career by Albert Einstein, who declared in November 1954: "If I would be a young man again and had to decide how to make my living, I would not try to become a scientist or scholar or teacher. I would rather choose to be a plumber or a peddler in the hope to find that modest degree of independence still available under present circumstances."

With more than 230,000 jobs expected to be created in construction by 2020, a growth of 2.5% each year to 3.5% in Greater London – there has never been a better time to get into the industry.



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Shamsuddin Miah is studying a Plumbing and Heating Diploma Level 2.

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Student Profiles: Tipped for Success

**Gilmer Marrin
Murrugarra**
Electrical Installations
Diploma Level 2



The course was very good. I am now working as an electrician and studying Level 3. I gained knowledge about different types of cables and how to fix them properly. I had some problems with my English, but my teachers spent time with me to explain things I didn't understand.”

Taylor McPeake
Plumbing and
Heating Diploma
Level 1



I really enjoyed the practical side of the course and pushed hard on the theory and got the result. The teaching was much more engaging than at school. It wasn't just someone standing at the front with a board. I am now doing my Level 2 as I really want to set up my future.”

Enfield Construction Federation sets out ambitious plans at CONEL

Passionate and vocal, the Federation of Enfield Construction Services (FOECS) met for the first time at CONEL's Enfield Centre earlier this year.

The historic meeting to elect a chair and move forward on their key objectives of bringing new entrants into the construction industry, as well as securing local jobs for local people were the uppermost topics of debate.

Around 30 of the 70 strong Federation members attended the meeting, led by local businessman Tony Yianni.

FOECS was set up to provide a strong voice, representing people from the industry to the local council, which is organising regeneration projects on a massive scale in Enfield.

These projects include: Meridian Water, a waterside housing project, which will lead to 10,000 homes built by major contractor Barratt; hundreds of new homes coming to the Ponders End Electric Quarter, as well as, the Ladderswood, Alma Road and New Avenue estates.

Tony Yianni said: "The Council need local construction firms to make these projects work. We're here to lobby on behalf of our industry and members and to make sure that local business people benefit from the build of these projects."

A hot topic at the meeting included skills shortages, and Jackie Chapman, CONEL's Director for Apprenticeships was on hand to talk about the free recruitment and training her team offer to local businesses.

FOECS members particularly want to see more professionals coming into the industry and welcomed apprenticeships for surveyors, project managers and estimators in all areas currently under development at CONEL.

Matt Wylds, Head of Construction at CONEL, said: "It's brilliant that an industry led federation is meeting at CONEL because it gives us an excellent sounding board to bounce new ideas off when we're creating courses and to hear from industry professionals about what it is their industry needs."

CONEL was delighted to see two alumni return to their old college as Lauren Price Business Development Coordinator of ARG group attended, a former business admin apprentice at Enfield Centre and Marios Poumpouris MD for Chiller Box Ltd, a former Construction Level 3 student from Tottenham Centre.

The meeting unanimously elected Gary Kousoulou as their Chair.



Construction Services (FOECS) held their first meeting at CONEL led by local businessman Tony Yianni. centre, during which Gary Kousoulou, right, was elected the chairman of the group.

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