



## Call for Applications - LLL Award 2016 – Application Guidelines

The Lifelong Learning Platform is organising the first edition of its Lifelong Learning Awards in 2016, meant to be presented during its **LLLWeek2016 on 10-13 October in the European Parliament**. A ceremony will take place during the opening reception of the LLL Week celebrating the **3 winners while the 10 best practices**.

The LLL Awards aim to celebrate **outstanding initiatives in favour of pushing LLL policy forward, building inclusive societies and making lifelong learning a reality for all**. The Award will celebrate **educational practices from all over Europe** that can demonstrate the use of **creative and inclusive learning methods** with outstanding results and the potential to be replicated and/or of inspiring others. The Award is **not limited to a particular sector**, since the Platform believes lifelong learning covers education and training across all ages and in all areas of life be it formal, non-formal or informal and shall enable citizens' emancipation as a framework for personal development and well-being and citizens' full participation in society in its civic, social and economic dimensions.

### Presenting Your Initiative for the LLLAwards2016

In order to maximise your chances please read the Application Guidelines before filling in the Google Form.

1. Read the following Guidelines & Concept Note;
2. Complete the **Google Form**. Your application will be completed once you receive the **confirmation email**;
3. **Deadline to apply is 31 August 2016**, midnight
4. **Wait for our answer**. We will get back to you regarding logos and other material we might need.
5. Good luck!

## THE LIFELONG LEARNING AWARDS, WHAT IS IT?

In 2016 the Lifelong Learning Platform will launch a new **Lifelong Learning Award** to celebrate creative and inclusive practices during its Lifelong Learning Week. The aim of the Lifelong Learning Award is to **give visibility to innovative practices** taking place all over Europe in order to attract public attention on lifelong learning as well as to **inspire new practices and policies**.

A **ceremony** will take place during the opening reception of the **LLLWeek** celebrating the **3 winners** while the **10 best practices** will be exhibited in NGO Building MundoJ in Brussels.

- **Added value of the LLL Awards**

Applicants, from the grassroots level (e.g. learners, teachers, educational institutions) will get more attention and will serve as best practice examples for other individuals and organisations by presenting them in online and printed media that are disseminated in the education sector.

The innovative practice examples (e.g. in form of short stories or videos) will **encourage organisations to implement innovative learning methods** as well as **promote inclusive and participative learning**.

Moreover, an award can be an **opportunity to create new partnerships** as it can raise the visibility of these partners (e.g. by appearing in publications with their logos).

- **Target groups**

- Public authorities and more particularly members of the European Parliament
- LLLPlatform Members and their members
- Learning for Well-Being Community
- NGOs in education and training
- Foundations
- Social partners
- Media

- **Priority 2016: Building Inclusive and Democratic Educational Systems for an Inclusive Society**

In 2016, the Lifelong Learning Platform will focus on the first priority of its [Lifelong Learning Manifesto](#): **“Building inclusive and democratic educational systems”**.

This priority covers different important issues such as citizenship and global education, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, fighting prejudices and discrimination, educational institutions democratic governance and learner participation, learning mobility for all and the use of arts and culture to tackle social challenges and enhance personal development.

The focus shall be placed on the **creativity and inclusiveness** of the initiatives more than on the specific topic. This shall encourage more organisations to apply and thus to be familiarised with our key principles.

- **Who can apply?**

The Award will celebrate educational practices from all over Europe that can demonstrate the use of **creative and inclusive learning methods** with outstanding results and the potential to be replicated and/or of inspiring others. The Lifelong Learning Platform will hand out awards to **three outstanding initiatives**.

The Award is not limited to a particular sector. According to the Lifelong Learning Platform, lifelong learning covers:

- **education and training**
- **across all ages**
- **in all areas of life**
- **formal, non-formal or informal education**

It shall enable **citizens' emancipation** as a framework for **personal development and well-being** and citizens' full participation in society in its civic, social and economic dimensions.

Applicants will have to fill in an application form where they will be asked to demonstrate how they respond to a set of quality criteria. This shall encourage a **self-reflexive process** as they will have to evaluate their own practices as regards the **key principles** of the Lifelong Learning Platform: **a holistic, sustainable, trans-sectoral and learner-centred approach with an emphasis on quality, open and inclusive education**.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants shall fill in the [Call for Applications - LLLAwards2016 Google Form](#) online.

Applicants shall answer the Application Form in **English**.

**Deadline to submit is 31 August 2016, midnight.**

Applicants will receive a **confirmation email**. This confirmation guarantees their participation in the competition.

Applicants will be contacted by the LLLPlatform Secretariat if the latter requires extra information.

### Link to the Google form

<https://docs.google.com/a/eucis-lll.eu/forms/d/1ufS2dPYrNfuA6EO7c03H6jDxR7s73ABj49v3f2XZfCw/prefill>

By submitting their applications, all participants in the competition agree that LLL-P acquires unlimited right to use all texts and materials at the LLL-P website, in publications and other printed and digital products that promote the work of LLL-P and the Lifelong Learning Award. All photos and videos taken at the award ceremony fully belong to LLL-P.

## TIMELINE

**! Only applications submitted before 31 August 2016 will be taken into consideration !**

- **Selection process**

Applicants will be selected by the Steering Committee and members of the LLLPlatform in the first week of September.

Winners will receive one month notice to prepare their participation in the Award Ceremony on 11 October 2016 in Brussels.

- **Nomination process**

Nominations will be made public on **Monday 5 September 2016**, by individual email. Applicants will need to **accept their nomination by 8.00 am on Wednesday 7 September**. After reception of acceptance, the nominations will be publically announced on the LLLPlatform website, its members websites, on social media and in a press release.

- **The Ceremony**

The Award will be given during a **Ceremony/Reception in the frame of the LLLWeek2016** held in partnership with the European Youth Forum.

Location has yet to be confirmed.

Prizes have yet to be confirmed. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

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**Thank you for your Submission and Good Luck!**