

YOU'VE ACHIEVED INCREDIBLE THINGS, AND NOW IT'S TIME TO SHINE! ✨

Over the years, our judges have been inspired by countless entries, and they want to help you craft a standout nomination. Here are their top tips to ensure your story gets the recognition it deserves:

BEFORE YOU START

- **Understand the Criteria:** Carefully review the award criteria to ensure you address all the key areas they are looking for, such as innovation, impact, dedication, etc.
- **Gather Evidence:** Collect specific examples, data and anecdotes that demonstrate the nominee's excellence in early childhood education and care.
- **Use Clear Language:** Write clearly and concisely, avoiding jargon or overly technical language that may obscure the nominee's achievements.
- **Focus on Quality, Not Quantity:** It's better to provide a few strong, well-supported points rather than overwhelming the judges with too much information.
- **Be Authentic:** Ensure that your nomination reflects the genuine qualities and contributions of the nominee. Avoid exaggeration or embellishment.
- **Personalise the Nomination:** Share personal stories or testimonials that showcase the nominee's passion, dedication, and positive impact on children and families.
- **Include Supporting Materials:** If allowed, attach supplementary materials such as letters of support, videos or photographs that further illustrate the nominee's impact.
- **Proof-read and Edit:** Before submitting, carefully proof-read your nomination for clarity, coherence, and correctness. A well-presented nomination shows respect for the award and the judging process.

SPOTLIGHT YOUR IMPACT

- **Highlight Achievements:** Focus on the nominee's accomplishments and contributions to the field. Include measurable outcomes wherever possible.
- **Describe Unique Approaches:** Detail any innovative methods, programs, or initiatives the nominee has implemented to enhance early childhood education.
- **Emphasise Leadership:** If applicable, highlight the nominee's leadership qualities, such as mentoring others, leading projects, or advocating for the profession.
- **Impact on Children:** Discuss how the nominee has positively affected the lives of children under their care, emphasizing developmental outcomes and educational progress.
- **Community Engagement:** Mention any efforts the nominee has made to engage with families, communities, or stakeholders in meaningful ways.
- **Professional Development:** Describe how the nominee has pursued continuous learning, professional growth, and staying updated with best practices in early childhood education.
- **Provide Context:** Explain the challenges or obstacles the nominee has overcome in their work and how they have demonstrated resilience and creativity.

By following these tips, you can create a nomination that effectively communicates why the nominee deserves recognition for their outstanding work in Early Childhood Education and Care.

GOOD LUCK!

