

CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

LGBTQ+ CENTRE FOR INCLUSION

IN EDUCATION AWARD

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This award takes a whole school approach to developing a culture of LGBTQ+ inclusion in your school, whatever your starting point, providing a framework to evidence policies and initiatives for both staff and pupils within the wider school community.

WHAT DOES THE LGBTQ+ IN EDUCATION AWARD COVER?

The award covers eight key competencies each with a series of statements that schools will work to embed.

- Leadership & Development
- Governance
- Professional Learning & Development
- Curriculum
- The Physical Environment
- The Emotional Environment: Promoting Wellbeing with Parents & Carers
- Working in Partnership With Students
- Working in Partnership with Parents, Carers & Community Organisations

WHY ATTAIN THE AWARD?

- Provides schools with a framework which has given strategic direction for school leaders.
- Improves the leadership and management of LGBTQ+ inclusion.
- Supports schools to embed LGBTQ+ identities and experiences into the curriculum.
- Improves student agency by providing pupils with opportunities to lead on LGBTQ+ inclusion.
- Supports schools to work in partnership with parents, external organisations and communities in relation to LGBTQ+ inclusion.
- Increases staff knowledge on all aspects of LGBTQ+ inclusion.



WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

The award process allows schools to make LGBTQ+ inclusion a guided strategic priority for school development. The school will develop an implementation plan and guide the school community through a process of building the skills and knowledge needed to bring about whole school improvements in supervision.

Your school will work with an allocated online coach to create a personalised action plan for your school. Together, you will develop a portfolio of evidence for your school set against the competencies of the framework. Once submitted, your evidence will be verified against the three levels: bronze, silver and gold.

As well as being recognised as a leader in LGBTQ+ inclusion in education you will have the opportunity to showcase your practice with other schools, engaging in research and support the building of a professional community.

Your school will receive:

- A self-assessment diagnostic
- An allocated online coach who will support the school through the process
- A paper and e-certificate
- An e logo to display on your website and school stationery

HOW MUCH DOES THE AWARD COST AND HOW LONG IS IT VALID FOR?

The award costs £395 excluding VAT and lasts for three years, after which you can apply for reassessment to maintain your level or strive for higher quality standards.

'The LGBTQ inclusion in education award allows schools take a strategic approach to LGBTQ inclusion and provides staff with a clear framework from which to work and build on current practice. The award is evidence-based, led by experts in the field and has helped the schools who have completed to become truly LGBTQ inclusive for their whole school community'

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