

Nottingham shortlisted for two national BSF awards

Nottingham City Council's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme has been shortlisted for two categories in the first annual awards celebrating achievement in all areas of the national programme to transform education.

Expert judges have selected Nottingham to compete with top BSF projects for 'Innovation in student engagement' and 'Most promising learning strategy'. The judges included national representatives from the design community, construction industry, educationalists, students and BSF delivery partners.

Recognising the 'visioning' work, which is a hallmark of Nottingham's BSF programme, the council and its partners look forward to challenging for national recognition in the inaugural Excellence in BSF Awards to be presented in London on 26 November. The council has facilitated creative visioning processes with the whole school community to help scope the potential for the BSF funding to act as a catalyst to create redefined, 21st century community facilities.

The council has worked with a range of partners, across all sectors, to develop a transformational learning strategy designed to offer the best learning opportunities for all Nottingham's children and young people.

Councillor David Mellen, Nottingham City Council's Portfolio holder for Children's Services, said: "I am delighted that we have made the final stage of these national awards. It represents the innovative approaches being taken to deliver excellence for children and young people in Nottingham, through our transformational BSF programme. It also provides an example of the successful partnership working between the council and schools. I would like to take the opportunity to offer everyone involved my best wishes for continued success in these nominations."

