

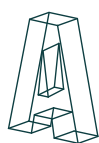


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GENERATION APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022

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Closing date for nominations: Tuesday 01
November 2022 to awards@nao.ie



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CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, PARTICIPATION AND THE RELATIONSHIPS OF MICRO, SME & LARGE BUSINESSES AS APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYERS

We are delighted to announce that entries are now open for the 2022 Generation Apprenticeship Employer of the Year. The first three years of the awards featured more than 150 large, SME and micro companies, corresponding to a workforce of over 100,000. The awards celebrate the amazing things people are doing with and through apprenticeship: growing their business, improving performance and efficiency, attracting and retaining forward-thinking individuals who thrive and feel part of an extraordinary community.

Micro and small businesses with less than 50 employees make up over 98% of businesses in Ireland. Through their own services and as part of dynamic supply chains with larger apprentice employers they deliver innovation and durability. Celebrating the contribution of micro, SME and large companies and their apprentices underpins the 2022 award themes:

- (i) Pioneering micro & small companies employing apprentices
- (ii) Across companies of all sizes - micro, SME and large - good examples of practice in workplace diversity benefiting apprentices

Why nominate?

Annually the awards rank top on [@apprenticesirl](https://twitter.com/apprenticesirl) and across other social channels. They are widely supported via a number of mailers, trade, newspaper articles and by Ministers Simon Harris TD, Niall Collins TD, and other stakeholders. At an investment level the awards broaden the stock of companies employing apprentices, thereby creating long-term benefit for all.

How to nominate

Nominations are free via the short online nomination form overleaf. Employers can enter themselves or can be nominated by apprentices,

partner businesses or education and training providers.

Durability through changing times

The awards recognise and celebrate leading companies who are shaping the future of their industries. Many companies are innovating through collaboration within their industry and across industries, and investing in apprentices to drive economic growth and social development in Ireland.

If you have any questions, our awards team will be happy to help:
awards@nao.ie



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Employer entry/nomination

The nomination form can be completed by EITHER the company itself or a partner company, apprentice, education and training provider. There is no cost to make a nomination.

Name of Company/Employer			
Full company mailing address (including county)			
Company email address			
Number of apprentices in company		Number of employees in company	
Nominating person/organisation			
Email address of nominating person/organisation			
What is the relationship of the nominating person/organisation to the nominated employer?			

A company may be nominated for one or both themes, **(i)** pioneering micro and small companies employing apprentices and **(ii)** for companies of all sizes, good examples of practice in workplace diversity benefiting apprentices. If a company is being nominated under both themes, it is recommended that two separate nominations are submitted, one for each theme.

Nominations will be assessed by an independent judging panel. The assessment will be carried out based on the contribution of the company under the theme of either

(i) showcasing micro and small companies or **(ii)** workplace diversity benefiting apprentices. Practical examples of the company's profile and contribution are encouraged in the nominations being made.

Theme for which the employer is being nominated	
In no more than 500 words, please state why you believe the nominated company deserves to receive an award in the 2022 Generation Apprenticeship Employer of the Year awards. Please provide as many practical examples as possible to underpin your nomination.	

Submitted by:			
Organisation:		Date:	

Closing date for submissions: Tuesday 01 November 2022 to **awards@nao.ie**. Submissions can only be accepted via this email address. Queries on the 2022 awards can also be addressed to **awards@nao.ie**.