

Subject: Applications open for the 2020 ART Awards

The ART Awards continue to grow every year – with over £3,000 in prize money waiting to be won. Now is your chance to apply for the 2020 ART Awards!

The teaching awards are open to **everyone** – not just ART Members or those using ‘Learning the Ropes’ scheme – the aim is to encourage and recognise the people and groups leading best practice and innovation in the teaching and development of ringing. The individual ringing awards are open to those who have completed one of the Learning the Ropes programmes (on tower or hand bells) or participated in the Learning the Ropes Plus scheme.

Click here to find out more and to apply - www.ringingteachers.org/recognition/awards

ART Awards 2020

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

The **Sarah Beacham** Youth Group Award
Prize of £400 – **sponsored by the Sarah Beacham Memorial Trust**

The **Sarah Beacham** School Group Award
Prize of £400 – **sponsored by the Sarah Beacham Memorial Trust**

The ART Award for Excellence in the Use of Technology in Teaching
Prize of £500 – **sponsored by John Taylor & Co.**

The ART Award for Excellence in Recruitment or Retention
Prize of £400 – **sponsored by AbelSim**

The ART Award for a University Society that has made a Significant Contribution to Promoting Ringing to Younger People
Prize of £500 – **sponsored by CCCBR**

The ART Award for Inspiring Leadership in Ringing
Prize of £400 – **sponsored by Talent Innovations**

The ART Learning the Ropes Individual Achievement Awards
Two prizes of £250 – **sponsored by the Ancient Society of College Youths**
Five highly commended prizes of £25 each

Worried about applying?

The judges aren't looking for the most professional application; what they are looking for is ideas, commitment and results. So if you're looking at new ways of recruiting it's not just the idea, but the number of people you recruited and whether they stayed. Easy ways to show that – number retained a year or two later, new recruits coming in (success breeds success), quarter peals, striking competition results, practice attendance, or ringing progress (LtR Levels) ... and don't forget photos and quotes. There's no magic formula; think why what you're doing has been successful and put it down on paper. Please don't be modest!

What are we looking for?

Hopefully having convinced you that the ART Awards might be relevant to you or a ringer or group you know, what are the common themes that appear in previous years' winning applications?

- **Having a vision or passion and making it happen:** however big or small, making things happen is what leadership is all about, even if you don't call it that.
- **Trying out new things:** some of which work and some of which don't. If we don't move with the times ringing will not flourish, so tell us about the risks you took - what you tried or did differently
- **Getting young people ringing:** over-turning all those misconceptions that exist about children seeing ringing as "uncool" and giving up at the first hurdle.

If you recognise and identify with any of these themes, why not consider applying for yourself or a ringer or group you know? There will be an ART Award that's right for your application....and if you applied and didn't win last year, how about applying again, now you've got another year under your belt – Lerryn School did that last year and they won!

How do I enter?

Further information and application forms are available at www.ringingteachers.org/recognition/awards The closing date for applications is **31 December 2019** – so now is the time to make sure that those doing great work don't miss out!