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ISABEL OSUNA-GATTY

2016 EXCELLENCE IN LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND NUMERACY PRACTICE AWARD

The Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Practice Award recognises innovation and excellence by an individual involved in improving LLN skills in an educational, community or workplace context.

Ever since she was a little girl Isabel Osuna-Gatty wanted to help people, especially those who were disadvantaged. Her life's work in language, literacy and numeracy teaching is testimony to her success in achieving this goal and has earned her the highest accolade, the Language Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award at the 2016 Australian Training Awards.

"I like to go where things are difficult, and that's especially the case where I work in the Northern Territory where the needs are so great and there is so much disadvantage," she said. "For me it's an honour to be able to help Aboriginal people take the next step—whether it's getting a job or understanding how to fill out a Centrelink form. Empowering them is what keeps me going."

Isabel was initially involved in adult literacy provision in her native Venezuela and went on to teach in various language, literacy and numeracy programs shortly after arriving in Australia in 2001. After five years volunteering in remote Yuendumu in the Northern Territory, she accepted a teaching role with the Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and is now a Senior Lecturer in Foundation Skills.

While Isabel acknowledges that progress in making inroads into improving literacy in Indigenous communities can be painfully slow, the rewards that flow from her work are great.

"The pay-off for me is that the majority of the students I have worked with have got a better job or got themselves into a better position in life. I say to my students that people might take your land or your home but one thing no-one can take from you is your education and your capacity to read and write. To teach someone to read and write is the best gift you can give to anyone."

ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Each year, the Australian Training Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Australian Apprentices, vocational students, training practitioners, businesses, secondary schools, industry and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia.

The majority of the awards are the culmination of the state and territory awards programs with winners from each state and territory eligible to compete at the national level in aligned categories.

There are also seven award categories available by entering directly to the Australian Training Awards.

Individual

- Lifetime Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- National Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award (**direct entry**)
- Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award
- Vocational Student of the Year Award
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice of the Year Award
- VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award

Business

- Australian Apprenticeships – Employer Award (**direct entry**)
- Small Employer of the Year Award (**direct entry**)
- Medium Employer of the Year Award
- Large Employer of the Year Award
- Industry Collaboration Award

Registered Training Organisation

- School Pathways to VET Award (**direct entry**)
- International Training Provider of the Year Award (**direct entry**)
- Small Training Provider of the Year Award
- Large Training Provider of the Year Award

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WHY APPLY?

The awards offer participants Australia-wide recognition for exceptional training outcomes and an opportunity to become known as the best-of-the-best, nationally.

For individuals, the awards can open up networks and career opportunities within the business sector and provide you with the opportunity to become a national ambassador for skills to promote the vocational education and training sector at a national level.

For businesses and registered training organisations, the awards can propel you into the national spotlight, positioning you as a front runner in skills and workforce development and leader in best practice. This will set you apart from the competition and make you an employer or registered training organisation of choice.

