

Local Charity Lindley Educational Trust nominated for Social Enterprise of the Year in the Edge Upstarts Awards 2007

Lindley Educational Trust, based at the Hollowford Centre in Castleton, has been nominated for an award for its innovative approach in helping local companies to gain valuable training for their new managers whilst supporting the most vulnerable and deprived young people in our society.

The award recognises excellence in all aspects of social enterprise.

Set up in 2001, the awards aim to encourage and reward extraordinary vision, ethical business practice and social responsibility. They showcase businesses which offer innovative and sustainable solutions to social problems.

Supported by **Edge**, an educational foundation promoting practical and vocational learning, and the **New Statesman**, Britain's leading political and current affairs weekly, this year's Edge Upstarts Awards focus on the people who drive the social enterprise sector.

Edge Chairman, Garry Hawkes, is delighted to for the Foundation be involved:

"At *Edge*, we are passionate about encouraging and promoting social entrepreneurs who pass on practical skills to their employees. These awards focus on the entrepreneurial skills and people that drive the social enterprise sector and we look forward to recognising some of the best examples of practical 'learning by doing' which we hope will inspire developers of innovative and sustainable solutions to social problems"

John Kampfner, Editor of the *New Statesman*, said:

"The social enterprise community has never been more dynamic and its profile has never been higher. We are pleased to continue to play our part in raising public awareness of the sector's many advantages and we are delighted to reward the very best through these awards"

Mark Williams, Hollowford Centre Manager, speaking for Lindley Educational Trust, is happy that the work of the Trust is being recognised in this way.

"Our Community Projects bring together local companies looking for practical training for their new managers, with children from inner city schools, who have never had a chance to experience open countryside, in a programme of outdoor adventure activities and team building. This way we help the companies to fulfil their obligations to the community whilst at the same time training their staff in a very practical way. As for the children, they have the adventure of a lifetime courtesy of the company sponsors. For many it changes their lives for good, inspiring confidence, self esteem and pride in their environment, which will continue long into adult life."