

PRESS RELEASE

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ECOTEC wins Open University Business School Award

The Open University's Centre for Professional Learning and Development Award for the most innovative use of case studies in e-learning was presented to ECOTEC Research and Consulting Limited for its 'Summer Arts College' initiative.

These innovative national programmes, developed by ECOTEC on behalf of the Youth Justice Board, Arts Council England and the Welsh Assembly Government provided young people in the youth justice system with a unique opportunity to experience a wide range of creative arts and to work alongside practitioners in a range of art forms, from photography to dance and creative writing to music.

Practitioners on the projects were filmed explaining their experiences, as well as the challenges and outcomes of the initiative. This then fed into the development of online training resources to guide project managers and practitioners in delivering future Summer Arts Colleges. ECOTEC Director Martin Stephenson said:

"We are very grateful to have had the opportunity to work in partnership with the Youth Justice Board and the Open University in designing these tremendous e-learning resources which have facilitated our delivery of quality, national programmes benefiting hundreds of young people".

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