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HRUC celebrates multiple shortlist successes at regional business awards

Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges (HRUC) is proud to announce an incredible series of achievements as we celebrate being shortlisted across multiple prestigious award categories at the West London Business Awards 2026, Hillingdon Business Awards 2026 and this year's upcoming Richmond Business Awards.

Championing equality, diversity and inclusion

HRUC is delighted to be shortlisted as a finalist for the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Award at both the Hillingdon Business Awards and the West London Business Awards. This honour reflects our unwavering commitment to creating inclusive learning environments and fostering opportunities for all.

Outstanding apprentice talent

We are also excited to announce seven of our exceptional apprentices have been named finalists for Apprentice of the Year at the West London Business Awards. This recognition highlights their dedication, skill, and impact across diverse sectors including Health and Social Care, Hospitality, Professional Services, and Early Years.

Extraordinary entrepreneurial spirit

Adding to this success, Jenisha, one of our inspiring Level 3 Business students, has been shortlisted for Young Entrepreneur of the Year at both awards for her innovative venture, DarkDev - a collaborative service that designs clean, modern, and professional websites for start-ups, small businesses, and local stores. Jenisha's achievement is a testament to the creativity and entrepreneurial mindset we nurture at HRUC.

Richmond Upon Thames College shortlisted for Corporate Social Responsibility Award

We are especially proud to share that Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC), part of Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges (HRUC), has been announced as a finalist at the Richmond Business Awards for the Corporate Social Responsibility Award.

This nomination recognises a groundbreaking partnership between RuTC, Amazon, and The Conservation Trust, which has created transformative opportunities for our SEND students. [More information on this project can be found here.](#)

Why these achievements matter

These nominations showcase the strength of our partnerships with employers, the talent of our students, and the real-world impact of HRUC in shaping future leaders and innovators. With over 700 apprentices and 14,000 students supported across industries such as Technical, Professional Services, Hospitality, and Early Years as well as partnering with over 1700 employers, HRUC remain committed to driving skills development and business growth in the region.

Jo Withers, Chief of Business Strategy said:

“We are incredibly proud to see HRUC recognised across so many categories at both the Hillingdon and West London Business Awards. These nominations reflect our commitment to excellence, inclusion, and nurturing talent. From our apprentices and entrepreneurial students to our dedication to equality and diversity, these achievements showcase the positive impact HRUC has on learners and the wider community.”

Celebrating excellence

The winners will be announced at the Hillingdon Business Awards in January 2026, West London Business Awards in February 2026 and Richmond Business Awards in this upcoming December. HRUC is proud to be a sponsor at these prestigious ceremonies, celebrating excellence across west and south-west London. These events provide an incredible opportunity to showcase the achievements of businesses and individuals who are driving innovation and success in the region.

Stay tuned for updates and join us in congratulating all our shortlisted nominees!

- Read more about the West London Business Awards and the full list of finalists [here](#)
- Read more about the Hillingdon Business Awards and the full list of finalists [here](#)
- Read more about the Richmond Business Awards and the full list of finalists [here](#)

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Note to editors: Following a merger in 2023, HRUC (Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges) has rapidly evolved into a thriving educational hub with three colleges and a strong apprenticeship provision.

The diverse and aspiring college group now serves nearly 15,000 learners across west and south London, offering a range of courses, including A-Levels vocational programmes, T-Levels, and apprenticeships. The College group also proudly supports over 850 learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), providing tailored programmes and internships to help them thrive.

