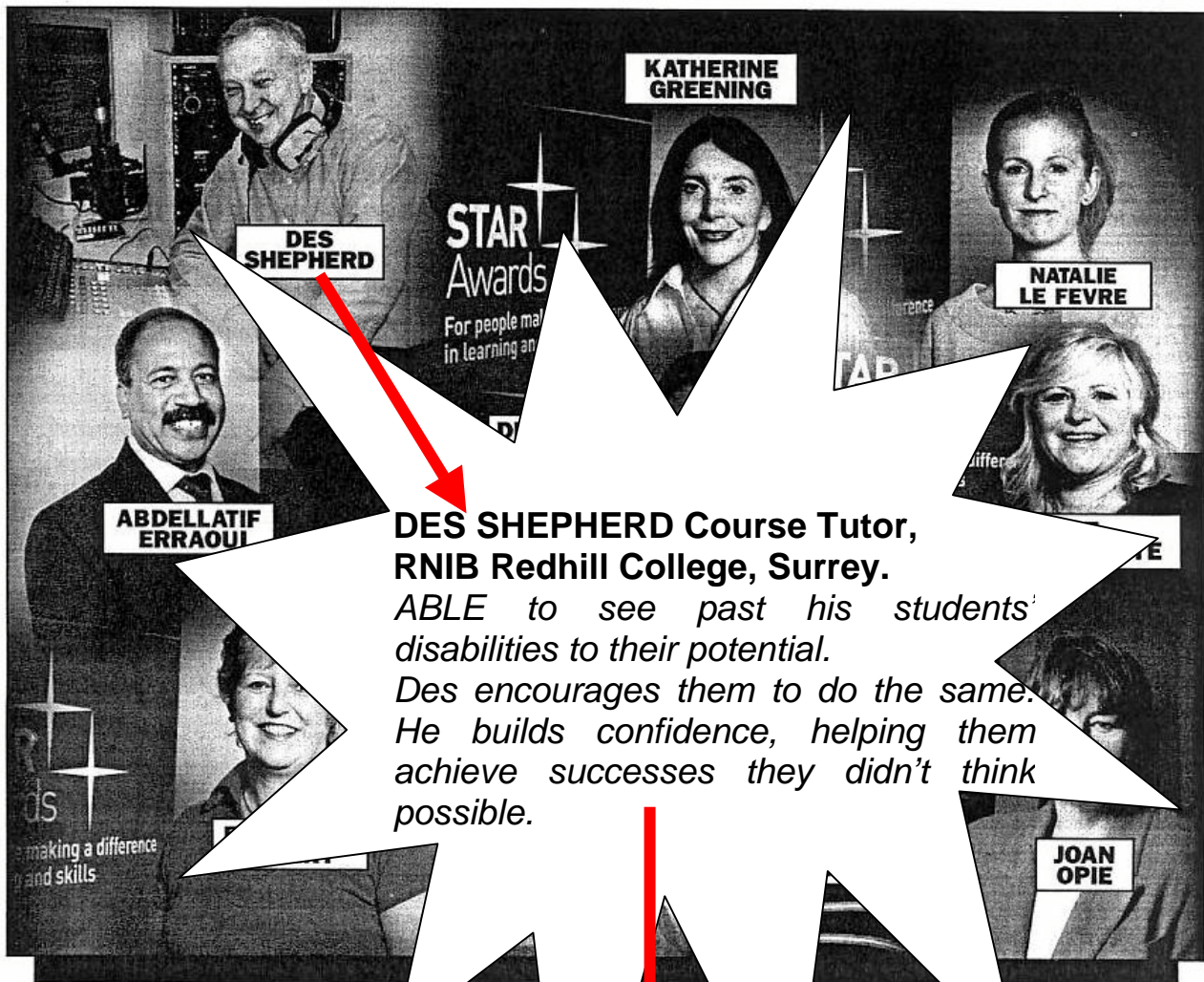


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Gold Stars

THE ability to pass on a new skill is a precious gift. And that is why we are proud to be involved in some very special teaching awards.

The annual QIA STAR Awards recognise the unsung heroes working in the 16-plus learning and skills sector - those teachers whose talents help to inspire, encourage and support students in further education.

And this year there is a brand new prize category, The Mirror's Learners Choice STAR Award.

It is nominated by students to commend an exceptional member of staff, who has inspired and motivated them to succeed.

We have whittled down a host of fantastic nominations to a shortlist of 10.

Each of them has received a certificate and will attend a glittering awards ceremony in London later this month, where one of them will be crowned our overall Learners Choice winner.

Our finalists are:

DR AUSTIN HILL
Access Course Leader
Morley College, London

AN inspiration to his students, Austin encourages them to approach their work

10 FAB FINALISTS UP FOR MIRROR AWARD

with discipline, focus and sincerity, enabling them to achieve great results.

ABDELLATIF ERRAOUI
French and Arabic Tutor,
Birmingham Adult Education
Service

ENTHUSIASTIC about his subjects, Abdellatif always helps pupils achieve their goals. Attentive and encouraging, he ensures lessons are engaging and enjoyable. He really understands students and adapts teaching style and content accordingly.

DOREEN CHAPPELL Basic Skills Coordinator, Leicester Adult Education College

DOREEN is a natural. She can interact with students at their level to encourage them to achieve their very best. Her support extends beyond the classroom, providing assistance with writing letters and filling in application forms.

PETE DAY Photography Tutor, Exeter College

HIS hands-on teaching technique both inspires his students and elicits their respect. Pete encourages students to succeed by pushing

them to the limits of their ability.

ELIZABETH PERRY
Learning and Development
Officer, Greenwich Council,
London

ABLE to make each learner feel important, Elizabeth is always willing to help with both personal and work-related issues.

KATHERINE GREENING Pathfinder Course Tutor, Kingston College, Surrey

HAVING an instant connection with young people from all walks of life, Katherine offers the support, kindness and attention many of her students have not experienced.

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LOUISE CARRINGTON DYE
Hairdressing Tutor, Amersham & Wycombe College, Bucks

AN inspiration, Louise supports her students both technically and personally. By letting them share any fears and problems regarding the course she enables them to get the very best out of themselves.

NATALIE LE FEVRE
Programme Leader for
Dance, Harlow College, Essex

NATALIE instils in her students a self-belief which produces significant results - including a dramatic rise in grades.

JOAN OPIE Skills for Life Tutor, Stockton Adult Education, Teesside

SHOWING a true passion for teaching, Joan's inspirational methods are tailored to meet the individual needs of her students, helping them exceed all expectations.

For more on the QIA STAR Awards visit www.dfes.gov.uk/starawards.

BT WILL be searching for more than 400 apprentices for its Open-reach division, which links millions of homes and businesses to communications providers' networks. Budding telecoms engineers aged 16 or over can apply online from early in the New Year with successful applicants starting apprenticeships in summer 2007. For information, visit btplc.com/Careercentre/CareerStart-Apprentices/index.htm