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Gen2 named as “Apprenticeship Provider of the Year”

Cumbrian based Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ training provider Gen2, has just been named as “Apprenticeship Provider of the Year” at the inaugural Annual Apprenticeship Conference (AAC).

Representatives from Gen2’s Executive Team and the City & Guilds Group were awarded at the ceremony which took place on Thursday 22nd March at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham.

FE Week and AELP announced the full shortlist of the nominees for the AAC Apprenticeship Awards in association with CMI earlier in February.

Gen2 were one of ten national nominees having previously been recognised as a regional winner by the AAC awards at the beginning of March at the House of Commons in London, against tough competition from training providers such as Babcock Training Ltd, Construction Engineering Training Board (CITB) and Barnsley College.

Gen2 were praised for commitment to apprenticeships across its whole business with the judges commenting that “they provided data that demonstrated the quality of their provision, including through the employer satisfaction survey, which gave high scores, significantly above national average”. “Timely success rates are consistently high and in 2016/17, 94 per cent of apprentice learners had a positive destination outcome.”

Gen2 Chief Executive Officer, Mike Smith OBE, said: “We are tremendously proud to have been named “Apprenticeship Provider of the Year”. To be awarded this prestigious award is

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a testament of our staff's hard work and commitment in ensuring young people in Cumbria are provided with world class skills in such specialist areas. It is also a testament to the vast repertoire of well renowned companies we work with in helping us deliver in these apprenticeships."

For further information on the Annual Apprenticeship Conference, visit www.feweek.co.uk

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Notes to Editors:

About Gen2

Gen2 was established in 2000 as an employer-owned training provider in West Cumbria. Now part of the City and Guilds Group, Gen2 is one of the UK's largest training providers to the nuclear sector, working with over 200 employers to provide apprenticeships, further education, higher education and a wide range of specialist courses. Assessed by OFSTED as Grade 1 (Outstanding), Gen2 delivers learner-focussed, high quality training to the highest national and international standards with a strong embedded nuclear safety culture.

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About Chartered Management Institute (CMI)

The Chartered Management Institute (CMI) is an accredited professional institution for management based in the United Kingdom.

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The major membership classes are *Member*, *Fellow* - for those with significant expertise - and *Companion* - the most senior grade.

In addition to supporting its members, the organisation encourages management development, carries out research, produces a wide variety of publications on management interests, and publishes the official members' magazine, *Professional Manager*. The Institute also engages with government and other public bodies concerning policy on management and business related issues. *Professional Manager* magazine is circulated to over 80,000 members of the CMI.

About Association of Employment and Learning Providers (AELP)

The Association of Employment & Learning Providers (AELP) is the leading trade association for vocational learning and employment providers in Britain. The majority of its 700 members are independent private, not-for-profit and voluntary sector training and employment services organisations. Membership is open to any provider committed to quality provision and it includes 38 FE colleges involved in work based learning. AELP Members train 75% of England's 850,000 apprentices currently on programme.