Top teachers take the stage

THE best of the NT’s early childhood education and care sector was recognised at the 2014 Northern Territory Education and Care Awards ceremony at Parliament House on October 19.

The awards were aimed at educators and services in early childhood and school-aged education and care settings.

They recognised those who were innovative in their approach and exhibited an outstanding commitment to delivering a high-quality service for children and families.

Early Childhood Australia NT assistant manager Gloria Fox said it was well documented that the years from birth to eight were critical for establishing a child’s self-esteem, resilience, healthy growth and capacity to learn.

The introduction of the National Quality Framework established a benchmark to ensure early childhood, school-aged education and care services were of a high standard and provided stimulating and nurturing environments so children had the best possible start in life.

The NT Education and Care Awards recognised the skills, dedication and efforts of individuals and services in the profession who exceeded that benchmark.

Mrs Fox said the 2014 awards ceremony was an evening of great celebrations as many industry people from across the NT celebrated their outstanding achievements.

“Early Childhood Australia has facilitated this year’s awards in partnership with the Northern Territory Government as the primary sponsor and key stakeholders from across the early childhood and school-aged education and care sector,” she said.

“There were eight categories that made the shortlist and eight very happy winners.

“Thank you to all of those who contributed to making this event a great success.”

The lucky winners will embark on a study tour to Melbourne in the first week of December.

“This prize is a globally recognised professional development opportunity, which allows educators to immerse in practical and theoretical aspects of early and middle childhood pedagogy.” Mrs Fox said.

“Study tours combine visits to early childhood services implementing the Early Years Learning Framework and the My Time Our Place Framework for early childhood practitioners to observe directly what and how these services put the frameworks into practice.

There is also a professional development opportunity of activities that make the tour presentation to unpack the key elements of the approach, including setting up the environment, planning and documentation, and linking to what constitutes best practice in the field.

Visits and observations of the study tour include a wide variety of service types in the early and middle childhood education and care sector that are at different stages of their journey and have different challenges and opportunities.

“The new learnings (that) the winners will take back to the NT will support them on their ongoing professional learning journeys and providing best practices in the services in which they operate.”

Nominations for the 2015 NT Education and Care Awards will open in the first half of next year. If you would like more information on these awards, make contact with Early Childhood Australia.

You can also like the NT Education and Care Awards page on Facebook for up-to-date information.

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