

How to submit your Good Practice

Good Practice Award submissions must include the following information on the covering page:

Name of Organisation

Address of Organisation

Contact Person

Title

Telephone and Fax Number

Email address

Title/Name of Project

Authorising Signature

Action Area(s) addressed in submission

For more information about the Awards programme, contact:

The Coordinator

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School girls performing in Trinidad & Tobago



School boys in Mbabane, Swaziland

More about the Education Good Practice Awards

Selection will be in two phases: (i) initial short-listing in mid-2006 followed by (ii) selection of finalists just prior to 16CCEM in December 2006. Good Practices which are shortlisted for the final selection process will also be presented to the Parallel Symposium during 16CCEM.

For the first round of the programme, the Commonwealth Education Section is receiving technical assistance and support from the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) who coordinate a highly acclaimed Innovation Awards programme for the Commonwealth public sector.

Some funding for travel and accommodation will be available for Finalists.

For more information about the awards programme see: www.thecommonwealth.org/education

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Commonwealth Education

Good Practice Awards 2006

Recognising good and promising practices in Education throughout the Commonwealth

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Introducing the Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards

Commonwealth Education Ministers agreed to recognise best practice in the Six Action Areas which had emanated from the 15th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (15CCEM) held in Edinburgh, Scotland in October 2003. They recommended the creation of an Award for good and promising practices in Education in Commonwealth member states which would be presented for the first time at 16CCEM.

15CCEM Action Areas

- Achieving Universal Primary Education
- Eliminating Gender Disparities in primary and secondary education
- Improving Quality in Education
- Using Distance Learning to Overcome Barriers
- Supporting Education in Difficult Circumstances
- Mitigating the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Education Systems

What is an Education Good Practice?

An Education Good Practice is a programme, project, policy strategy or significant intervention which has made a positive difference to the status or condition of primary school children, their teachers or the education system of a country in respect of one or more of the Six Action Areas.

The Good Practice must demonstrate:

- Relevance
- Measurable Impact and Effect
- Sustainability
- Community participation or contribution
- Efficiency and Effectiveness
- Replication



School girls in Himachal-Pradesh, India

Criteria for the awards

Relevance

The Good Practice will demonstrate a socio-culturally sensitive and economically appropriate response to the context and challenge of education delivery in a specific country.

Measurable Impact and Effect

The value of the Good Practice is measured through Qualitative and Quantitative indicators to demonstrate impact and effect.

Sustainability

The Good Practice is or can be projected to have positive impact and effect either intermittently at intervals, or on a consistent, continuous basis as required, over the long-term.

Efficiency and Effectiveness

The Good Practice has demonstrated cost-savings and/or the efficient and effective use of resources in its implementation.

Community Participation and Contribution

The success of the Good Practice is enhanced or enriched through community and civil society participation, ownership or contribution.

Replication

Given similar conditions and circumstances, the Good Practice has the potential to be replicated in the Education systems of other Commonwealth countries.

How to apply for a Good Practice Award

Submissions for the Education Good Practice Award must be received at the Commonwealth Secretariat by **Friday, March 31 2006**. Submissions received after this date will not be considered.

Submissions must include:

- A 50-word executive summary
- An awards entry form (see over)
- A 1,500 (maximum) word description of the project
- The title included on the entry form
- Authorising signatures of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry or Chief Executive Officer of the organization
- Information on the size of the organisation, the budget involved and the size of the target/beneficiary population are essential

Who can apply

Commonwealth Ministries of Education, civil society and non-governmental partners in Education are invited to make Good Practice submissions on their work in one or more of the 15CCEM Six Action Areas by March 31st 2006.

Good practice award submissions will only be accepted from organisations, not individuals.

Submissions must be addressed to:

The Coordinator
Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards
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Closing date for submissions is March 31st 2006