

**National College for School Leadership  
Seizing Success 2008 Conference**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Alliance awards – video transcript**

**Conference Chair:**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Alliance for Learning, that is co-chaired by Tim Brighouse and Mike Tomlinson, has undertaken probably for the first time work that really is to recognise leadership achievement in this country. And we are here NCSL hosting at this conference, the inaugural presentation of the Alliances Leadership Awards. We might also just like to recognise that Tim Brighouse is a national treasure.

**Tim Brighouse:**

We take advantage of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it's a different world from the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Schools I know have enormous pressures from the past and the present on what they do, and it's usually quite difficult to look to the future of what we ought to do.

We picked four headings and then invited schools to submit their propositions to for recognition and award. If Alex and his colleague from Abbots Green could come up now, we'd like to give you the award.

Cramlington is a name that trips off all our tongues because he's always pushing, and so is his colleagues, the edge of teaching and learning and curriculum and organisation. So Derek and your colleague, would you come up?

Greys Education Centre, which is interestingly not a school. It's a centre which deals, in the most amazing way and the most unconventional way, from which all of us might learn, for youngsters who've got particular difficulties. So if Rashida and her colleague could come up.

Now the fourth winner, they're all co-winners, so if I may I'd like John and a colleague from Leasowes in Dudley to come forward. They really have challenged the timetable.