

Y Awards Limited

Official Website Statement

Following a strategic review, the Board of Trustees of Central YMCA has decided to transfer its awarding organisation, YMCA Awards, into a separate legal entity operating under the new name Y Awards Limited. Trustees have also taken the decision to sell Y Awards Limited to Access Training Enterprises Ltd, a values-aligned owner with the operational capacity to support its growth and continued development.

The decision follows a period of strengthened senior leadership and sustained growth in the YMCA Awards qualification portfolio, reflecting increasing demand across the health, wellbeing, and fitness sector. Building on this momentum, trustees concluded that the next phase of development would be best supported by an ownership structure that preserves independence in leadership, governance, and strategy, while providing investment and enhanced central services to support future growth and operational resilience.

We have worked closely with our awarding regulators to ensure a smooth transition. Throughout the process, continuity for learners, centres, and suppliers has remained a priority. There will be no disruption to qualifications, services, or regulatory status. Y Awards Limited remains fully committed to maintaining high standards, quality assurance, and public confidence.

Central YMCA will continue to focus on its core charitable purpose. Y Awards Limited will move forward as a standalone organisation, supported by a dedicated governance and ownership structure that enables focus, investment, and long-term development of regulated qualifications and services.

Transition Support and Engagement

- Webinar for centres – 12 February 2026. Booking details are included within the communication sent directly to the primary centre contact.
- Frequently Asked Questions – <https://bit.ly/4ksyokU>

- Direct engagement from your allocated Business Development Manager, Head of Business Development, Customer Account Specialist, or Quality Manager. Please refer to your centre update email to confirm your contact. If you have not received this information, please contact awards.support@ymca.co.uk.
- Further updates will be communicated via our dedicated webpage and directly to the centre's primary contact. Please ensure your details are up to date within Y-Connect.

This structured approach is designed to ensure continuity of service, minimise administrative burden, and support centres through the transition with clear and timely communication at each stage.