University of Brighton

SHARE DAVID’S VISION

THE PROFESSOR SIR DAVID WATSON AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

This landmark international award has been created in memory of our late former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir David Watson, honouring his leadership in the area of community-university engagement. These annual awards will recognise the combined efforts of community and university partners towards making a difference to the lives of people in their shared community.

WHY ARE THESE AWARDS SIGNIFICANT?

Community-university partnerships are still an emerging field of action, making effective and respectful partnerships in research and policy development between community movements and academics often difficult to achieve. These awards will offer visibility and a modest financial contribution enabling participants to share the stories of their combined work, deepening impact locally and helping to build the movement globally.

DO YOU SHARE OUR VISION?

In supporting this award, you will have the satisfaction of encouraging innovative collaborations between leaders in communities and academia working together on some of the complex challenges facing our communities. You will be part of a transformation in the way that higher education institutions work with their local communities tackling issues of social justice, resilience and equity – all over the world.
“Civic engagement presents a challenge to universities to be of and not just in the community: not simply to engage in ‘knowledge-transfer’ but to establish a dialogue across the boundary between the university and its community which is open-ended, fluid and experimental.”

Professor Sir David Watson

BECOME PART OF THE LEGACY

Donations in support of the Professor Sir David Watson Awards for community-university partnerships can be made to the University of Brighton in a number of ways: online via our JustGiving page http://bit.do/BrightonWatson, via bank transfer (UK and overseas accounts), payroll giving, charity accounts, cheques or cards. Further details about giving and how to support can be obtained from Mrs Sam Davies (Director of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement) by emailing sam.davies@brighton.ac.uk.

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