

Stephen Fry toasts award winners

STEPHEN Fry has commended both staff and students at the University of Dundee for their success in involving the public with their research.

The former university rector congratulated the winners of this year's Stephen Fry Awards for Excellence in Public Engagement in a video message played at the institution's annual Discovery Days ceremony in the Dalhousie Building yesterday.

A project in collaboration with the Hot Chocolate Trust, which sought to reimagine spaces for children who have experienced trauma was named as Public Engagement Project of the Year.

It was led by Linsey McIntosh and Gary Kennedy, from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design (DJCAD), with Ellie Harrison, also from (DJCAD), winning Engaged Researcher of the Year.

Psychology PhD student, Vicky Armstrong, won the inaugural Early Career Researcher of the Year award for her work in early-years art therapy.

Mr Fry said: "This year the university received the highest number of applications in the history of the awards and the panel were really impressed by the high quality of all those nominations."

Pictured above, from left, are Ellie Harrison, Vicky Armstrong, Linsey McIntosh and Gary Kennedy.

