

SANT JOSEP DE CALASSANÇ AWARDS. ESCOLA PIA CATALUNYA

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Intending to recognize the trajectory of people, work teams, and volunteer teams of the institution, the "Fundació Joan Profitós" of Pious Schools of Catalunya gives the Saint Joseph Calasanz awards every year.

These awards value an individual or team participation in projects and actions that go beyond their professional work, highlighting their involvement and dedication to working with children, young people, and vulnerable people, following the Calasanzian spirit.

Nominations for the awards are open to all entities that make up the institution (schools, foundations, parishes, educational leisure entities, groups, etc.) and can be submitted by their management teams or by members of the different entities. Each candidacy must be accompanied by a video in which colleagues present the candidates and explain the reasons that lead them to be considered worthy of the award.

The jury, composed of members of the different entities and chaired by the Provincial Father, designates the three awarded candidacies, and the verdict is made public during the celebration of the "Pious Schools" Day. It is a festive moment and recognition long-awaited by the entire community of Pious Schools of Catalonia.

This course has been held the 31st edition of these awards and has been a new opportunity to publicize teams and people who, with their involvement and commitment, provide that added value that brings us closer to the calasanzian mission. This year's awards went to the PFI Team of the Pia d'Olot School, the Mentors of the Rossinyol Project of the Servei Solidari Foundation and Carles Ruiz, director of the Pia de Salt School.

We have attached the video of the awards ceremony.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yixEjQ1IRM8&t=2s>

Brief explanation of the projects



Rossinyol is a mentoring project focused on leisure between a university or higher degree student and students from educational centers located in vulnerable environments of Barcelona, Sant Adrià de Besòs, Sabadell, and Hospitalet de Llobregat. Through mentoring, social cohesion, educational success, exchange,

and the promotion of interculturality, discovery and responsibility of all the participants are favored.

Each university or higher degree student is paired with a boy or girl between 11 and 15 years of age, previously selected by their school. Rossinyol couples meet during the school year once a week, outside the school, and for a minimum of 3 hours. They carry out activities in the field of leisure to discover the surroundings of the city and create a relationship of trust and mutual respect. Participants receive personalized training and follow-up, working transversally throughout the process on the gender perspective and intercultural competence.

<http://serveisolidari.org/ca/quefem/MENTORIA/ROSSINYOL/>

The **PFI team of the Escola Pia d'Olot** develops vocational training programs, especially that of **auxiliary of forestry activities**. PFI programs are post-compulsory courses aimed at young people aged 16 to 21 enrolled in the Youth Guarantee Program and who finish the stage of compulsory secondary education without having obtained the degree of graduate in compulsory education (ESO). The purpose of these programs is to provide the necessary skills to join the world of work or continue training, especially in intermediate training cycles, once the entrance exam has been passed.



<https://olot.escolapia.cat/formacio-professional/>



The Pious Schools **of Salt (Girona)** is a project of an open, innovative, experiential, and creative school in which students integrate knowledge into real-life competently and functionally. It has an inclusive character and enhances cooperative work using interdisciplinary and globalizing methodologies. Because of the place where it is located, it offers its service to children from many countries and cultures, a real educational challenge.

<https://salt.escolapia.cat/>