

YOUNG VOLUNTEER

Criteria Requirement for Nominee: Individual

The Young Volunteer Award celebrates the dedication of young people who have given their time to helping others in their local community.

The Young Volunteer Award will recognise:

- A young volunteer who dedicates their time towards making a difference in their local community.
- A young person who goes above and beyond, with the aim of improving the lives of people within their community through the voluntary work that they undertake.
- A young person who is a role model and displays commitment and passion towards their valuable role as a young volunteer.
- This could be supporting a cause, assisting those in need, or contributing to local projects and initiatives.

GROUP OF THE YEAR

The Group Award will recognise and celebrate a team of young individuals who have shown outstanding teamwork, dedication and impact. The group will have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to making a difference in their community, overcoming challenges and working together to achieve shared goals.

The Group of the Year Award will recognise:

- A project, initiative or group that is having a positive impact on their lives or the lives of others through the delivery of experiences and opportunities
- School, youth group, a uniformed group, or a junior sports group to name a few.
- Groups that provide young people with opportunities, broadens their horizons, and enables them to realise their potential.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE AND BUSINESS

This award will celebrate a young person who is making a positive difference in Dumfries and Galloway through their active involvement in the regeneration of their local community or running a social enterprise or their own business.

The Young Enterprise and Business Award will recognise:

- A young person who has been actively involved in regenerating the area within which they live, whether through improving outdoor spaces, or though helping to improve physical buildings or spaces for people in their community.
- They will show determination to ensure the communities they live in are a better place to live, learn and grow up.
- A young person who has overcome barriers to achieve success in creating a sustainable business or a social enterprise which serves and benefits the local community.

SPORTS AWARD

Criteria Requirement for Nominee: Individual or Group/Team

The Sports award will celebrate achievement, dedication and sportsmanship in young people across Dumfries and Galloway, as well as the commitment and perseverance demonstrated by young people involved in sport and physical activities.

The Sports Award will recognise:

- A young person who has excelled in their sport at a local, regional or national level.
- A young person who is helping to increase the access and opportunities for young people in Dumfries and Galloway to participate in sport and physical activity.
- Teams, individuals, volunteers who is inspiring others through sports and physical activity.

CULTURE, ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Criteria Requirement for Nominee: Individual or Group/Team

The Culture, Arts and Entertainment Award will celebrate young people who have made exceptional contributions through using creativity and expression. The award celebrates those who push boundaries and showcase the arts in their local communities through the work that they do.

The Culture, Arts and Entertainment Award will recognise:

- A young person who has an exceptional ability in any form of the culture, arts and entertainment sectors.
- A young person who is helping to increase the access and opportunities for young people in Dumfries and Galloway to participate in culture, arts and entertainment
- A young musician, writer, actor, dancer, performer or artist who demonstrate raw talent and is a rising star emerging from Dumfries and Galloway.

EQUALITY

Criteria Requirement for Nominee: Individual or Group/Team

The Equality Award will celebrate young people who are committed to promoting fairness, inclusion and equal opportunities for all. The award will honour those who have worked tirelessly to challenge discrimination, raise awareness and create positive change in their communities.

The Equality Award will recognise:

- The Equality Award will recognise a young person who actively promotes equality, diversity and inclusion for all young people in Dumfries and Galloway.
- Young people involved in education, campaigning, advocating, engagement with local decision makers and contributing to local forums and organisations.
- They believe that every young person should be able to achieve their potential free from prejudice and discrimination, working hard to ensure they are getting the chance to do so by creating new opportunities and experiences for young people across all races, genders, faiths, cultures, communities and identities.

YOUTH WORKER OF THE YEAR (PAID)

Criteria Requirement for Nominee: Individual who is a paid Youth Worker, or works with young people

Age 18+

This award will celebrate an individual who has gone above and beyond to support, inspire and empower young people. This person is a dedicated Youth Worker whose guidance and commitment have made a lasting impact on the lives of the young people they work with.

The Youth Worker of the Year (Paid) Award will recognise:

- Exceptional adults who work with young people by dedicating their time to making a difference in the lives of young people whether this is through youth work, work in their local community or by providing opportunities for young people to explore their potential.
- Someone who has excelled at building positive relationships with young people, helping them to see their potential and fulfil it.
- They are hard working, patient, caring and a great example to young people.

YOUTH WORKER OF THE YEAR (VOLUNTEER)

Criteria Requirement for Nominee: Individual who is a paid Youth Worker, or works with young people

Age 18+

This award will celebrate an extraordinary adult who has selflessly dedicated their time, energy and heart to supporting young people as a volunteer and making a positive difference in their lives, whether this is through youth work, work in their local community or by providing opportunities for young people to explore their potential.

The Youth Worker of the Year (Voluntary) Award will recognise:

- Outstanding contribution and the invaluable role of empowering young people through voluntary roles in the Youth Work sector.
- This award is for a person who has excelled at building positive relationships with young people, helping them to see their potential and fulfil it.
- They are hard working, patient, caring and a great example to young people.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

This year we have introduced a lifetime achievement award for individuals who have dedicated their lives to improving the lives of young people. Nominees should have a minimum of 25 years experience in working with and for young people. There are also no other finalists for this category. The judging panel will scrutinise nominations and decide if a nominee should receive the award.

Nominees should have a minimum of 25 years experience in Youth Work, or working with young people.

This award will celebrate an individual who has dedicated their lives and career to working with and for the benefit of young people and has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of Young People in Dumfries and Galloway.

Nominations may be submitted by organisations or individuals from the field of youth work and must be supported by a positive endorsement from a separate organisation/individual

The individual should:

- Demonstrate a sustained and significant positive impact on the personal, educational or social development of young people
- Display long term commitment to youth work, showing consistent dedication over many years (25+)
- Has made substantial sacrifices or invested considerable time and energy in improving the lives of young people
- Shows the ability to inspire and guide others, setting a high standard for excellence
- Be held in high regard by young people, community members, youth workers and partner organisations
- Leaves a lasting legacy in youth work through their contributions and achievements
- Nominees do not have to be currently employed/volunteering and may be retired

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