

**Highland
Third Sector Awards**

2015



Nomination Information

The Highland Third Sector Interface is delighted to bring you the Third Sector Awards for 2015. In our on-going commitment to celebrating and promoting the work of the Third Sector the HTSI, their local partners and the judges would welcome nominations from the community organisations, individuals or elected officials.

The Interface views these awards as an opportunity to both celebrate and learn more about Third Sector activity within Highland. As your Third Sector Interface we are here to support the development of volunteering, social enterprise, a strong third sector and its participation in community and public planning. To find out more about the HTSI or its Partners please visit www.highlandtsi.org.uk

The Awards will be presented at a special ceremony on the 25th of August in Strathpeffer Pavilion.

The categories for the Third Sector Awards 2015 are:

Youth Volunteer of 2015

We especially want to hear how your nominee has grown as an individual as a result of their experience and/or how they have made a real difference in their role as a volunteer.

Criteria:

- For an individual under the age of 26
- Length of time volunteering isn't a factor for this award and won't be considered by the judges.
- Impact is important. It may be personal growth and development or a broader impact on their community.

Community Initiative 2015

An award for an initiative which has been designed and delivered by a community, geographical or thematic, which can demonstrate tangible and evidenced benefits to the community in tackling a community need, issue or vision.

Criteria:

- Group or similar award (not for an individual)

- Community in this instance can mean either a geographical or interest based community
- Please make sure you explain how the community identified the need, the initiative ideas and how they have worked together to deliver their idea.

Intergenerational Initiative 2015

For communities or organisations who have delivered a piece of intergenerational activity, particularly to and between the under 26 and over 65 age groups. You will need to explain where they have been able to share skills, experience and/or knowledge bases as a result of the initiative.

Criteria:

- Group or similar award (not for an individual)
- Community in this instance can mean either a geographical or interest based community
- Organisation means a third sector organisation such as a not for profit association, registered charity, sports club etc.
- Intergenerational can mean any two or more generations and not just those under 26 and over 65.
- Please make sure you explain how the people involved have benefited as a result of the initiative.

Highland Partnership 2015

This award is to recognise a partnership which has delivered an evidenced benefit as a result of working in partnership which

would not have been possible otherwise. The panel would expect to see innovation in the way the partnership has worked and information about what has made it successful. At least one of the partner should be a third sector organisation.

Criteria:

- Group or similar award (not for an individual)
- Partnership can include multiple structures of co-delivery but it is essential that the judges are provided with an understanding of how there is a clear co-design and delivery between the organisations involved.
- At least one of the organisations needs to be a third sector organisation.
- Please make sure you explain how the partnership was necessary to the intended outcome and how successful the approach was.

Older Peoples Champion 2015

For an individual who has successfully championed the rights and opportunities of older people in the last year. The nominee does not have to be an older person themselves but the panel will expect to hear the details of their work and relationship with older people as well as some evidence that older people themselves have valued their efforts.

Criteria:

- Individual award for someone of any age
- This award applies to both volunteers and people who are in paid employment within the third sector.
- Championing can be defined by the nominator as part of their submission but it is important that they evidence that it has been on behalf of more than one individual.
- The judges will expect to see some reference to support for the nomination from older people themselves, though anyone can submit the nomination.
- Please make sure you provide details of how they have championed the rights of older people, whether they are paid or voluntary and what inspired you to nominate them for the award.

Young Peoples Champion 2015

For an individual who has successfully championed the rights and opportunities of young people under the age of 26 in the last year. The nominee does not have to be a young person themselves but the panel will expect to hear the details of their work and relationship with young people as well as some evidence that young people themselves have valued their efforts.

Criteria:

- Individual award for someone of any age.
- This award applies to both volunteers and people who are in paid employment within the third sector.
- Championing can be defined by the nominator as part of their submission but it is important that they evidence that it has been on behalf of more than one individual.
- The judges will expect to see some reference to support for the nomination from young people themselves, though anyone can submit the nomination.
- Please make sure you provide details of how they have championed the rights of young people, whether they are paid or voluntary and what inspired you to nominate them for the award.

Volunteer of the Year 2015

For an individual of any age who has volunteered in any way. Their story should be inspirational and extraordinary.

Criteria:

- For an individual of any age.
- This isn't a long service award, though length of time in a voluntary post may be used as evidence of an extraordinary commitment, nominations made based only on length of service will not be considered by the judges.
- Impact is important. It may be personal growth and development or a broader impact on their community but it is essential that you explain why you feel the nominee stands out from the thousands of other volunteers in Highland.

Outstanding Achievement Award 2015

For recognition of an individuals outstanding and sustained contribution towards society through their third sector activity.

Criteria:

- For an individual of any age.
- This award is for both voluntary or paid staff within the third sector.
- Their contribution should be above and beyond their role and remit in some way.
- Ideally the nominee will have a background in multiple activities based in community or third sector organisations.
- This award will recognise long service as evidence of a commitment but nominations based only on time served will not be considered by the judges.
- It is important to be able to demonstrate how the impact of their activities is more than a personal story of growth or development but that some tangible impact has been positively felt by their community, geographic or interest, and possibly society at large.

To complete a nomination form please use this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKV62RD>

NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE ON THE 22ND OF JULY 2015.

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