

# Camden Youth Awards

Recognising potential, celebrating achievement

## 1. Individual Awards

These awards are an opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and give recognition to young people in our borough who have made significant progress in their own lives, achieved something substantial or have made considerable contributions to other people or their community.

Camden Integrated Youth Support Service is looking for nominations of young people who deserve recognition and whose story can inspire, encourage and motivate others. We welcome nominations from young people, professionals, parents / guardian / carers and local residents.

### Individual Awards - entry criteria

Young people being nominated must:

- Be aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)
- Live, work or study in Camden or attend a Camden youth project or service.

The main selection criteria will be:

- Level of commitment and dedication shown
- How significant or worthwhile was the contribution or progress
- Level of personal skill, attributes and character demonstrated
- How inspiring or moving is the story.

Please note that you cannot nominate yourself for these individual awards.

### Individual Awards - categories

1. **Young Carer** – this award is for a young person who continues to achieve whilst showing commitment and dedication to looking after someone in their family. They may be taking on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that an adult would normally do.
2. **Personal Journey** – a young person who has demonstrated strength of character and courage to overcome a difficult situation or has made significant progress beyond the norm.
3. **Young Entrepreneur** - a young person who has demonstrated entrepreneurial qualities, including innovation, creativity, enthusiasm, determination and passion towards a new venture, project or enterprise.
4. **Young Volunteer** – a young person who has undertaken unpaid work for the benefit of others, including environmental work, animal welfare, campaigning, youth/community work, raising awareness and fundraising for a charity or good cause they believe in.

5. **Sport / Physical Activity** – a young person who has excelled in a particular sport or physical activity that they hadn't previously undertaken.
6. **Art and Culture** – a young person who has shown creativity and excelled in an art form. This could include drawing, painting, poetry, film-making or music.
7. **Positive Role Model** - a young person who is looked up to by others as an inspiration and has made a positive contribution to the lives of their peers.
8. **Apprentice** – a young person who has completed their level 2, 3 or 4 qualification while demonstrating real progression in their career.
9. **Inspirational Young Person of the Year** - a young person who has shown exceptional character and is an inspiration to others around them.
10. **Adult volunteer** – an adult who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to supporting young people to achieve their goals.

## 2. Best Practice Awards

Camden Integrated Youth Support Service is also looking for nominations of projects and initiatives that deliver the best outcomes for young people. These Best Practice Awards highlight the range of new and exciting opportunities available to young people in Camden and the dedication of staff, volunteers and our partners. Again, we welcome nominations from young people, professionals, parents / guardians / carers and local residents.

### Best Practice Awards - entry criteria

To be eligible, projects must:

- Be delivered in Camden for young people aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)
- Delivered in a youth work or group work setting.

The main selection criteria will be:

- The level of innovation and engagement of young people
- The level of young people's involvement in designing and leading the project
- The outcomes that have been achieved and the evidence for this.

You can nominate your own project.

### Best Practice award categories

1. **Health and wellbeing** - a project that has supported young people with mental, emotional, social and physical health using innovative ways of engagement to achieve positive outcomes.

2. **Young people's partnership** – organisations and projects that have worked together in a sustainable way to directly deliver for young people to address specific needs or issues.
3. **Supporting vulnerable young people** – a project that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to support young people who face difficult circumstances - for example, learning difficulties or disabilities, substance misuse, family circumstances, homelessness, involvement in crime.
4. **Youth volunteering project** – A project that has directly supported and encouraged young people to develop a social conscience by volunteering for an organisation, charity or community initiative.

### **3. What do you need to do?**

Share this information with colleagues, young people and local residents, encouraging them to nominate young people and/or projects by completing the individual award or best practice award nomination form. Please give as much information as possible within the allocated words count.

Completed forms should be emailed to [kathleen.blake-pink@camden.gov.uk](mailto:kathleen.blake-pink@camden.gov.uk) or posted to: Kathleen Blake-Pink, Accreditation Officer, Camden Integrated Youth Support Service, detached office, ground floor, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

**All nominations must be received by Sunday, 27 January 2019.**

#### **What happens next?**

- All entries will be judged by a panel of young people and staff
- The panel will allocate a score to each nomination based on the selection criteria and pick one winner for each category
- For the individual awards, we will then pick one overall Inspirational Young Person of the Year from the category winners
- Winners will be notified in advance of the awards
- Award winners will be announced publicly on the night.

#### **Key dates**

November / December 2018	Nominations open
27 January 2019	Nominations close
19 March 2019	Awards event at Camden House, Camden Market

**For further information, please email [kathleen.blake-pink@camden.gov.uk](mailto:kathleen.blake-pink@camden.gov.uk)**