

Camden Youth Awards

Recognising potential, celebrating achievement

1. Individual awards (Young People)

These awards will bring the community together to recognise and celebrate the young people of Camden. The nominees you put forward will have made a difference to their community or achieved something amazing in their own life.

Do you know a young person who has achieved something that deserves recognition? Will their story inspire and encourage others? We want your nomination. Nominations can come from young people, professionals, parents, guardians, carers and local residents.

Individual awards - entry criteria

Nominees 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.

Your nominees must also show:

- their level of commitment, dedication and enthusiasm towards making a change or improvement to their school, youth centre, community and / or their own life and other young people's / local residents' lives
- how significant or worthwhile their contribution or progress was
- the level of personal skill, attributes and strength of character demonstrated
- how inspiring or moving their story is.

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

Individual award categories

2023 Camden Youth Awards categories

1. **Young Carer** – do you know a young carer who has managed to juggle practical or emotional care responsibilities for someone in their family as well as school, work or training? If so and you feel they deserve special recognition for all that they do you can nominate them for this award.
2. **Personal Journey** – do you know a young person who has shown determination and strength of character in overcoming a particularly difficult year or faced challenging circumstances and shown resilience to come through this time? Nominate them for this award so we can celebrate their achievements.
3. **Young Volunteer** – can you nominate a young person who has spent time working for the benefit of other residents in Camden? This could be supporting vulnerable members of the community, proactive in community initiatives, fundraising for charities, or charity work? Help us congratulate their amazing work by nominating them for this award.

4. **Sport, Dance & Performing Arts Award** - Do you know a young person, team or group who have shared their passion? Encouraged and supported other young people to access sport, dance and performing arts? This young person could have achieved individually or as a group. They could have acted as a role model, worked hard to support others to participate in sport, dance or a performing arts. Have they helped run classes or tried a new activity and encouraged others to participate? If so, please nominate them for this category.

5. **Voice of Camden Award** - Do you know a young person who has used their time to campaign, or be vocal in raising equality issues or issues that effect young people's everyday life or campaigned to improve their local community? This could be through awareness raising- highlighting prejudice faced by a group or community. They could have used the medium or film making, public speaking or advocacy to spread their message locally or to the wider community. We want to know about them.

6. **Positive Impact Award** - This person or group will have undertaken and achieved an activity/project which has had a positive impact through a youth club or after school programme. Maybe they campaigned for a girls group or set up a homework club for younger years. Please explain what they have achieved and what impact this has had.

2. Individual Award – adult

Individual awards - entry criteria

Nominees must:

- be aged 19+
- Work within a Camden youth provision (either voluntary sector or council)

Your nominees must also show:

- their level of commitment, dedication and enthusiasm towards making a change or improvement to their youth provision and young people's / local residents' lives
- how significant or worthwhile their contribution or progress was
- how inspiring or moving their story is.

Please note that you cannot nominate yourself for this individual award.

Individual adult award category

1. **Youth Practitioner Award** - Do you work with a practitioner who went above and beyond to support young people? What piece of work did they do that showed their commitment to engaging and supporting young people? What was the positive outcome of this piece of work or intervention? What impact did it have on the individual young person or group of young people?

3. Best practice award

Youth Provision Award 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)
- and be 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.

Youth Provision Award category

1. **Youth Provision Award** - Which piece of work have you achieved this year that you are especially proud of? How has this piece of work had a profound impact on the quality of life of the young person who attend your provision.

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.

Alternatively, you can submit a video nomination. You will answer the same questions as the nomination form but can also include video footage of the activity, person or end results.

If you chose to submit a video nomination please follow these guidelines;

- Please film on either a phone or tablet
- Please film landscape/horizontal mode
- Please start the video with your name, the name of the person or project you are nominating and the award you are nominating them for.
- For clear sound and so that we can hear your voice, please use any headphone mic/ or film in a quiet space.
- You do not need to edit the footage, as we are working with a Documentary Filmmaker who will put everything together.
- And if you are unsure what to say, follow the guidance in the nomination form and explain why you think that person or project deserves the award.

Please give as much information as possible within the allocated word count.

Submit your nominations before Friday 27 January 2023.

Completed forms should be emailed to Kathleen.Blake-Pink@Camden.gov.uk

What happens next?

- All award nominations will be judged by a panel of impartial Camden Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS) professionals.
- The panels will pick one winner for each category.
- Award winners will be informed privately, then publicly announced on the night.
- The award winners will be invited to a Celebration Event to be hosted at the British Museum on Friday 24 March 2023. Friends and family will be invited to pre-ceremony refreshments, followed by the presentation their trophy.

For further information, please call 020 7974 7263 or email:

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