

Camden Youth Awards

Recognising potential, celebrating achievement

1. Individual awards

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

1. **Young Carer** – do you know a young carer who has achieved something amazing whilst juggling practical or emotional care responsibilities for someone in their family?
2. **Personal Journey** – do you know a young person who has shown determination and strength of character in overcoming a difficult situation?
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 working to improve the environment or animal welfare, campaigning for improvements in the borough, raising awareness for an important social issue or fundraising for charity.

4. **Sport / Physical Activity** – do you know a young person who has worked hard to achieve in sport or a physical activity? Have they raised the profile of their club or chosen sport and inspired others?
5. **Art and Culture** – can you nominate a young person who has shown dedication, enthusiasm and creativity in the arts? How have they achieved and shared their passion? This could include drawing, painting, poetry, film-making, music or drama.
6. **Positive Role Model** – we are looking for nominations for an inspiring young person who has worked hard to make a positive contribution to the lives of others and is someone young people can look up to.
7. **Apprentice** – do you know a young apprentice who has completed their level 2, 3, or 4 qualification and has shown enthusiasm, dedication and progress? How have they been an asset to your team?
8. **Act Now! Green Champion** - Camden has declared a climate emergency. We are looking for our own Greta Thunberg! Do you know a young person leading the charge to save the planet and particularly our own part of Camden? They could be leading a campaign in their school, youth club or neighbourhood to reduce and recycle waste, campaign for greener, cleaner spaces or for a more sustainable fashion industry. If you know this young person and the great work they have done, we want to know about them. Please put their name forward for this award and let us help spread the word about their green deeds.
9. **Camden Spotlight Award** - we are looking for our award-winning Camden champion of champions! This person has done something which is both helpful, supportive, understanding, altruistic and kind for an individual or group of people in their community, youth club or school. What is it that this young person has done and why do they stand out above all others? How have they gone above and beyond to make Camden a better place? We want to know why they are exceptional and deserve to hold this most prestigious of Camden awards.
10. **Adult Volunteer** – do you know an adult who, despite juggling a busy life, finds the time to volunteer and support young people realise their goals and ambitions? This is a committed adult and we want to hear about them

2. Best practice awards

We are looking for nominations for projects or specific pieces of work which have achieved the best outcomes for young people. This work highlights the diversity of new and exciting opportunities on offer to Camden young people. This will also recognise the dedication of staff, volunteers and our partners. Nominations are

welcome from young people, professionals, parents / guardians / carers and residents.

Best practice 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.

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 outstanding positive outcomes.
2. **Young People's Partnership** – organisations and projects that have collaborated in a sustainable way to achieve something positive that delivers for young people or addresses 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 or involvement in crime.
4. **Youth Volunteering Project** – a project that has helped young people to recognise the impact they can make by volunteering for an organisation, charity or community initiative.

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 word count.

Submit your nominations before **Friday 31 January 2020**.

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.

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