

Camden Youth Awards 2026

Information Pack

Recognising potential, celebrating achievement

The Camden Youth Awards is an opportunity to bring the community together to recognise and celebrate young people in Camden, as well as practitioners and projects that support them. Please read the information carefully before submitting your nomination.

Individual awards for a young person or group of young people

Do you know a young person/group 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; please tell us as much as you can about this person/group and describe their achievements and impact they have had.

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

Nominations must outline:

- 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 / residents' lives
- how significant or worthwhile their contribution/progress has been, and what were the outcomes
- the level of personal skill, attributes and strength of character demonstrated
- how inspiring or moving their story is

Award categories:

1. **Personal Journey Award** – 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? Nominate them for this award so we can celebrate their achievements.
2. **Young Volunteer Award** – can you nominate a young person/group of volunteers who have spent time working for the benefit of other residents in Camden? This could be supporting vulnerable members of the community, being proactive in community initiatives, or fundraising for charities. Help us congratulate their amazing work by nominating them for this award.
3. **Positive Impact Award** - This person 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 an after-school club

to support students. Please explain what they have achieved and what impact this has had.

Staff awards

We also want to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our practitioners who work with young people. Do you know a staff member who deserves recognition for their passion and commitment, and who inspires others? Nominations can come from young people, professionals, parents, guardians, carers and local residents.

Entry criteria:

Nominees must:

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

Nominations must outline:

- 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

Award categories:

1. **Best Practitioner Award (Camden Council)** - do you know someone in Camden Council who went above and beyond to support young people this year? What piece of work especially showed their commitment and engagement to supporting young people, and what was the outcome? Please nominate and let us know.
2. **Best Practitioner Award (Voluntary Sector)** – do you know of someone in the voluntary sector who has shown commitment and dedication to working with young people, who consistently shows enthusiasm and support, encouragement and innovation? Who has made a difference to the lives of young people and is an example to others? If so, we would love to hear about them, please send us your nomination.

Best voluntary sector project award

Do you know of a project or organisation that goes above and beyond to support young people in Camden, who offers a dedicated service to improving the lives of young people, who uses creative and innovative methods to achieve positive outcomes and who provides a supportive and caring environment for young people to flourish? If there's a special project that comes to mind, please nominate and let us know. It can be based on a specific piece of work this project has done and can be shown through the stories of young people who attend and have been impacted by their work.

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

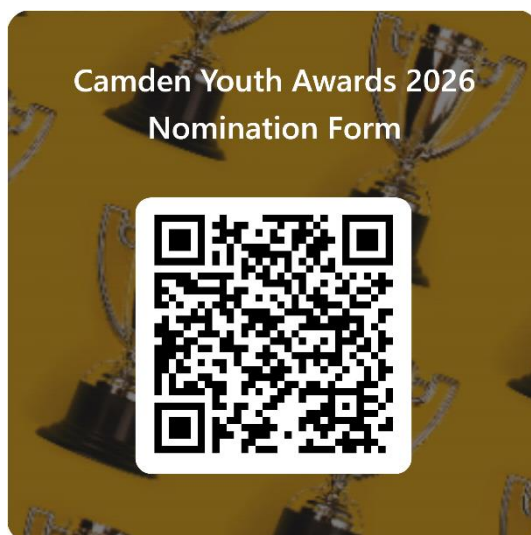
The main selection criteria will be:

- 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 evidence for this

What do you need to do?

Please share this information with colleagues, young people and Camden residents who can nominate by completing the **online nomination form (weblink and QR code below)**:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/kKZPPRVLkX>



Deadline for nominations is midnight on Sunday 4th October 2026!

For any questions about nominations please email: Lauren.Little@camden.gov.uk

What happens next?

All our nominations will be judged by a panel of staff members from Camden's Children and Learning department, young people who make up our Camden Youth Council and Peer Advocates.

Award winners will be informed privately, then publicly announced.

The award winners will be invited to a Youth Award Celebration Event on Wednesday 4th November to be presented with their trophy.