



COMMUNITY **AWARDS** 2018

**RECOGNISING AND REWARDING THE BEST OF
THE BOROUGH'S COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS**

AWARD CATEGORIES AND QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Nomination forms can be completed and submitted online
at armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/communityawards



**Armagh City
Banbridge
& Craigavon**
Borough Council

NOMINATION FORM

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council's Community Awards 2018 aim to recognise groups and individuals who make a valuable contribution to community life.

These awards are designed to give you the opportunity to recognise and thank local people of outstanding merit for making a difference to the lives of others in our Council area.

Who is your unsung hero or heroine? What group or organisation do you think is so inspiring they deserve to be recognised with an award?

These outstanding groups and individuals can be from any walk of life and any part of the Council area. However, the one thing they must be is extraordinary.

Perhaps they are a local group who has improved facilities in your area, a tireless charity fundraiser, a young person who has made a big difference in the borough, a community activist who has taken risks to improve community relations. Groups and individuals who have gone that extra mile.

We want to hear about them now. It's free and easy to nominate. Simply fill in and submit this entry form right away.

The winners will be announced at a gala awards ceremony at Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre on Thursday 10 May 2018.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be received by **12 noon on Friday 30 March 2018** in order to be considered for the Community Awards 2018. All nominations received after that date will not be considered. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Criteria for submitting an application to any category are as follows:

1. In the case of the "individual" category, self nominations will not be accepted, nor will nominations from immediate family members.
2. An individual may submit a maximum of three nominations but cannot nominate more than one person into any one category.
3. Nominees voluntary work must be of benefit to the people and life of the borough.
4. All nominees must have undertaken the work for which they are being nominated in a voluntary capacity.
5. All nominees are required to have a minimum of **two years** involvement in the activity for which they are being nominated. However, this is not a requirement for

the categories '**Under 18 Youth Volunteer Award**'. A minimum of one year's voluntary service is required for the 'Under 18 Youth Volunteer Award' category.

6. All nominees must have undertaken the work for which they are being nominated in a **voluntary capacity**.
7. Information provided must relate to the work of the group / individual over the last 2 years.
8. In the case of the 'group' awards a committee member can nominate the group that they are part of.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

Please read the criteria carefully before making an application. If you feel that the organisation or individual meets with the criteria then select the category that best applies to the **group (1 – 9)** or **individual (10 – 12)** you have in mind.

Please note, the judging panel may (at their discretion) change the category to the most appropriate ie that best fits the nomination. Judging will be a two stage process – Stage A Eligibility Assessment and Stage B Assessment Scoring. Please complete your application as accurately and as fully as possible within the word limit available. The decision of the judging panel is final.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
1. Large Community Group Award	Community organisations who support member groups throughout the council area. The organisation should be providing a wide range of community development opportunities, supporting community development training or engaged in the active recruitment of volunteers. Organisations in this category should cover a large geographical area ie borough wide.
2. Small Community Group Award	Community and voluntary groups who add value to Council's Corporate Plan. The work of the organisation is concentrated on small geographical areas ie neighbourhood level. The organisation uses a community development approach to local problem solving.
3. New Community Group Award	New community and voluntary groups which have been formed within the last financial year.
4. Older Person's Award	Sector specific group which demonstrates how they are assisting in meeting the needs of this demographic. Examples could include running an Older persons club, lobbying for facilities, helping older people resolve local issues.
5. Youth Sector Excellence Award	Sector specific group which demonstrates how they are assisting in meeting the needs of this demographic. Examples could include running a youth club, lobbying for youth facilities, helping young people reach their full potential.
6. Innovation Award	Groups which demonstrate innovative and creative approaches to community based initiatives.

7. Good Relations Award	Groups displaying and encouraging good relations and promoting equality of opportunity.
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8. Healthy Lifestyle Award	Groups working to promote health and wellbeing within the borough. For example actively encouraging old and young alike to participate in any activity that contributes to a healthier life style, such as keeping fit, walking, promoting healthy eating, smoking cessation, community gardens etc.
9. Neighbourhood Improvement Award	Groups working to improve the local environment and promote sustainability through a community development approach.
10. Volunteer of the Year	An individual who has displayed dedication to others and or making a difference to people’s lives.
11. Lifetime Achiever Award	An individual who has displayed high levels of voluntary achievement over a significant period of time – ie not less than 25 years.
12. Under 18 Youth Volunteer Award	An individual who has displayed high levels of voluntary achievement.

Nominators can make up **to 3 nominations for a Group or an individual, but cannot nominate more than one into any one category.** Separate nomination forms must be completed for each group or individual.

In the case of the “individual” category, **self-nominations will not be accepted, nor will nominations from immediate family members.**

RETURN OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations can be made online by completing the form below or by printed hard copy addressed to Pat Prunty, The Palace Demesne, Armagh, BT60 4EL.

For more details on the community awards you can contact Pat Prunty or Claire McCann telephone 028 3752 9600.

Email: communityawards@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

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