

# Volunteer of the Year Awards 2010

## CATEGORIES

Please take this opportunity to nominate a friend, colleague or organisation that you feel is worthy of special mention for their voluntary work within West Lothian.

Choose your nomination from the following categories:

**Volunteer of the Year** A special individual whose dedication and commitment to assisting other people or an organisation makes them worthy of recognition. We all know and admire someone who deserves this award.

**Young Volunteer of the Year** A young person who is worthy of special mention. Someone who would be a good candidate based on their work as a volunteer within your community or school.

**Volunteers Manager of the Year** A manager who, in the eyes of the staff, clients and volunteers, has ensured that volunteering with the organisation is an enjoyable and valued experience and whose adherence to Best Practice and Duty of Care is an example to others.

**Voluntary Organisation/Group of the Year** Do you know one that is doing exemplary work for the community? You might even consider nominating your own organisation or Group.

**Active Citizenship Award** A group of young people who are involved in supporting their community by, for example, fundraising to help purchase equipment, or visiting the elderly. This group of young people will generally be volunteering through school, church or a youth group.

**Committee/Board Member of the Year** The unsung heroes of the Sector. No-one understands better than us how important it is to have dedicated committee members to ensure a group/organisation runs smoothly. Let's give Board members the recognition they deserve.

**Employer Supported Volunteer(s)** If you know of colleagues undertaking voluntary work in support of a good cause with the approval and support of their employers, then why not nominate them for this category of award.

**Social Enterprise of the Year** Social enterprises are unique; they require passion, commitment and an intelligent balance between conventional business practices and their chosen social purpose. We are fortunate to have several within West Lothian and we would like you to nominate the one that you think best serves our community.

**Community Arts and/or Crafts Volunteer of the Year** An individual or group who is making a valuable contribution to promoting, supporting and participating in community arts throughout West Lothian.

**Sports Volunteer of the Year** Someone who is very active in planning, promoting or supporting sporting events or is actively engaged in fundraising through participation in sports.

Finally, the **Lifetime Achievement Award**, as the name implies, will honour someone who has dedicated much of their life to volunteering in their local community.

*Let's get them recognised – make your nomination now!*

**Closing date for entries is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Judging will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** by three independent judges drawn from the Private, Public and Voluntary Sectors. Entries may be posted, e-mailed, faxed or dropped into the Voluntary Sector Gateway office in Bathgate

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Gallacher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Gallacher BEM  
Gateway CEO

**Please note: This event will be recorded to capture the occasion forever. DVDs will be available to purchase for friends and family as a lasting memory of the occasion.**