

# Volunteer of the Year Awards 2010

## NOMINATION CRITERIA

The judging panel, in selecting the winning entry in each category, will base their decision on the following:

### Volunteer of the Year (25 years of age and over)

- Type of voluntary work and degree of commitment
- Impact on voluntary organisation and/or wider community
- Degree of difficulty to overcome whilst carrying out voluntary work
- Personality, attitude and sense of humour

### Young Volunteer of the Year (16 – 24 years of age)

- Type of voluntary work and degree of commitment
- Impact on voluntary organisation and/or wider community
- Degree of difficulty to overcome whilst carrying out voluntary work
- Personality, attitude and sense of humour

### Lifetime Achievement Award

- As the name implies, someone who has dedicated much of their time and skills during their lifetime to support voluntary organisation(s) or their community.

### Volunteers Manager of the Year

- Ability to make volunteers feel welcome and valued
- Level of support, supervision and review offered
- Adherence to Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Best Practice guidelines
- Perceived management style and ability to make volunteer opportunity enjoyable

### Voluntary Organisation/Group of the Year

- Organisation's impact on the community and service users
- Type of service(s) delivered
- Length of time the organisation has been in existence
- Organisation's commitment to the volunteers

### Active Citizenship Award

- Young people (under 16) carrying out volunteering to benefit local community
- Actively supported by school or organisation
- Impact on voluntary organisation, community or target group
- How did the group demonstrate that they were responsible citizens, effective contributors and confident individuals

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### **Committee/Board Member of the Year**

- An individual who has served on a local committee for one term or more
- Fully conversant in their duties, legal requirements and adhering to Best Practice
- Someone always willing to lend a hand at fundraising or promotional events

### **Employer Supported Volunteer(s) of the Year**

- Employees carry out voluntary work, actively encouraged and supported by their employer
- Type of volunteer activity (can be one-off volunteer involvement)
- Benefit to employer and/or wider community
- How many employees are involved; how are they supported and encouraged

### **Social Enterprise of the Year**

- How many individuals or groups are assisted or supported by this Enterprise
- How do the staff and volunteers respond to requests for assistance
- Does the enterprise help to address our economic, social or environmental concerns

### **Voluntary Arts Volunteer(s) of the Year**

- Individual/group making best contribution in support of West Lothian Arts
- Outstanding contribution to the Arts throughout the year

### **Sports Volunteer of the Year**

- How many individuals or groups are encouraged to get involved in sporting activity
- How does their involvement contribute to healthy living for residents of West Lothian
- What part does the nominated volunteer play in this involvement

In addition to the above there will be a **Special Category Award** to be presented to the individual or group who, in the opinion of the Gateway and/or the Judges, deserves a special mention.

Young people who are due to receive their MV Awards will also be recognised.

The judging panel will comprise three members of the community drawn from the public, private and voluntary sectors.

**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.**

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