



## Scottish Borders Inspire Awards 2023 - Nomination Guidance

Hello! We are the Inspire Awards Leadership Team – a group of young people aged 14 to 25 who live in the Scottish Borders. We are volunteering our time to organise and plan the Scottish Borders Inspire Awards. We are leading this project, with support from YouthBorders, in partnership with Borders Community Action. The Inspire Awards are funded by Scottish Borders Council and the Gannochy Trust.

### What are The Inspire Awards?

The Scottish Borders Inspire Awards will recognise and appreciate the positive impact and outstanding contributions of young people in the Scottish Borders through volunteering, community activism, and social action. We know now that young people are making a wide variety of amazing contributions and we believe this needs to be celebrated! We also want to celebrate young people who have made personal achievements, by overcoming adversity and building resilience.

The 2023 Scottish Borders Inspire Awards Ceremony will take place on the evening of Thursday 9th November at Ednam House Hotel, Kelso.

### Who Can I Nominate?

Any young person under the age of 30 who has a connection to the Scottish Borders (lives, works, studies or volunteers in the region) can be nominated for an Inspire Award. We have 11 different individual award categories. These are as follows:

#### Individual Inspire Award Categories:

- **Community Hero** - A young person who is making an outstanding contribution to their community through volunteering. This person will have chosen to give their time to change the lives of others for the better.
- **Young Performer** - A young person who is contributing to the community through the performing arts. This may be an exceptionally talented performer, or someone who is supporting others to gain performance skills.
- **Young Creator** - A young person who is creating outstanding pieces of art, technology, or content. An innovator with exciting creative ideas and skills for the future.
- **Business Brain** - A young person who is contributing to the community through business. This could be young entrepreneur who is developing their own business, someone providing skills development opportunities for others, or who's business is creating positive social impact.
- **Good Sport** - A young person who is challenging themselves through sport. This person will demonstrate dedication, hard work and be a positive ambassador for their sporting activity. They may also be supporting other young people to take part and learn new skills.

- **Eco Icon** - A young person who is taking steps to battle the global climate crisis. Their work will be sustainable and contribute to making the Scottish Borders a greener, more eco-friendly community.
- **Helping Hand** - A young person who has gone above and beyond to support and advocate for others. This person will be passionate about equality, justice and making a difference.
- **Amazing Attitude** -A young person who has shown amazing resilience by overcoming personal challenges and continuing to grow.
- **Rising Star** -A Junior young person (**aged 12 or under**) who is doing something outstanding. One to watch for the future! (Please note that young people under 12 can also be nominated in all other categories!).
- **Exceptional Achievement** - A young person who has/ is doing something exceptional, either in their own personal development or for others. A true inspiration.
- **Young Peoples Champion** -Someone doing exceptional work to support young people learn new skills, grow in confidence and gain opportunities. This may be in a paid or voluntary capacity.

### Group Inspire Award Categories:

- **Team Effort** - A group of young people who are working together to do something positive in the community. This does not need to be an official organisation.
- **Community Youth Provision** – A Scottish Borders youth provision that provides exceptional youth interventions to young people in the community e.g arts, sports, youth services, uniformed groups etc.

### How Do I Nominate Someone?

Do you know someone inspiring who fits one of the above categories? We want to hear from you! Anyone can make a nomination - friend, family member, youth worker, teacher - the list goes on.

Please read this nomination guidance fully before completing the nomination form. Please note the form cannot be saved and must be completed in one go, so you will need all relevant information on hand before completing the nomination form.

To nominate someone, visit [Scottish Borders Inspire Awards \(youthborders.org.uk\)](https://youthborders.org.uk) and click nominate a group / individual.

## Information you need to prepare to complete an Inspire Award nomination:

### Section 1 - About the Nominator

- Your name, phone number, email address.
- Your relationship to the person/ group you are nominating.
- If you are under 16, please also provide contact details of a parent or guardian.

### Section 2 - About the Nominee

These questions will differ depending on whether you are nominating a person or a group:

#### Individuals

- Young person's name
- Pronouns
- Date of birth
- Address
- Phone number
- Email

#### Groups

- Group Name (If your group doesn't have an official name that is okay, just give us an idea of the groups purpose)
- Address/ Usual Meeting Place
- Name of one group member- this person will be our lead contact
- Lead contact phone number
- Lead contact email

We will not contact the person you have nominated directly unless they are a winner or runner up in the awards, in which case they will receive an invite to the awards ceremony.

**If the person you are nominating is under 16, you will need to provide contact details of a parent/ guardian.**

### Section 3. Award Category

Please tick the award category the nomination falls under. A full list of the categories are also available on [Scottish Borders Inspire Awards \(youthborders.org.uk\)](http://Scottish Borders Inspire Awards (youthborders.org.uk))

### Section 4. Reason for nomination

Please provide a detailed answer on why you have chosen to nominate this person (maximum 800 words). You may wish to include quotes from others who support your nomination of the person/ group. We want to know what makes the person/ group of people you have nominated inspiring! You may wish to include details such as:

- The reason you have chosen to nominate the young person/ group and how their achievement links to the category you have chosen.
- The benefits of the young person's achievement, to themselves and/or the wider community.
- Any challenges they have overcome and how they have done so.
- What impact winning an Inspire Award would have on the young person or organisation.
- What makes their achievement or contribution exceptional- how do they stand out from the crowd?

If nominating a group, please tell us about this group and how many young people are involved.

## Supporting Evidence

We also welcome supporting evidence along with your nomination. This could be in the form of short video film, audio clip, photo, or other creative or digital output which will help the Inspire Awards Leadership Team understand more about the person you are nominating.

It's easy to send us your supporting evidence. Send your file to [info@youthborders.org.uk](mailto:info@youthborders.org.uk) by uploading it via this link: [WeTransfer - Send Large Files & Share Photos Online - Up to 2GB Free](#)

Please ensure the email subject includes the name of the person you have nominated and the category the nomination falls under

**You can tell the young person they have been nominated, or you can keep this as a surprise. However, if you are sending in any supporting evidence, you MUST obtain consent from the young person. If the young person is under 16, you MUST also obtain consent from a parent or guardian.**

## I've Submitted my Nomination, What Happens Next?

After all nominations have been received (Deadline is **9am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023**), the Inspire Awards Leadership Team will decide a winner and runners up in each award category.

If the person you have nominated has won an award, we will contact you both. The young person will receive an invitation to attend the ceremony, along with a guest of their choice. If your nomination has not been successful, we will only contact you, not the person you have nominated.

## The Timeline

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Nominations open
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Nominations close. Late nominations will not be accepted.
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	The Leadership Team will assess nominations
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	You will be informed of the result of your nomination. Winners, runners up and their guests will receive an invitation to the awards ceremony
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	All RSVPs to the awards ceremony to be returned
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Scottish Borders Inspire Awards 2023 Ceremony

If you have any questions or require support completing your nomination, please feel free to contact **Sarah Blackie, Youth Development Worker at YouthBorders. Email [sarah@youthborders.org.uk](mailto:sarah@youthborders.org.uk) Mobile 07598165268.**

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