



Scottish Borders Inspire Awards 2023

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 which will take place on the evening of 9th November 2023 at Ednam House Hotel in Kelso, Scottish Borders.

We want the Scottish Borders Inspire Awards to recognise and celebrate the positive impact and outstanding contributions of young people in the Scottish Borders through volunteering, community activism, and social action. We also want to celebrate young people who have made personal achievements, by overcoming adversity and building resilience. We are leading this project, with support from YouthBorders, in partnership with Borders Community Action and Scottish Borders Council.

We aim to make the Inspire Awards a sustainable annual event... but we need your help!

We are committed to building on the Inspire partnership by drawing together and connecting with new strategic partners. With support from organisations through sponsorships, donations, in-kind support such as knowledge, skills, or time, we will be able to successfully deliver the Inspire Awards for future years and continue celebrating our young people.

All stakeholders can make a rewarding and valuable contribution to the Inspire Awards. This could include:

- Sponsoring an award category and/or presenting an award
- Donating equipment, food, or other materials for the celebration
- Promoting the awards and encouraging nominations
- Sharing expertise with the youth leadership team in marketing, budgeting, events planning, health and safety, data protection or any other relevant skills

Anyone can nominate a young person under 30 years old for an Inspire Award. The nomination form and further guidance will be available at www.youthborders.org.uk on the 28th August 2023.

Our Inspire Award Categories 2023:

- **Community Hero**- A young person who is making an outstanding contribution to their community through volunteering.
- **Young Performer**- A young person who is contributing to the community through the performing arts.
- **Young Creator**- A young person who is creating outstanding pieces of art, technology or content.
- **Business Brain**- A young person who is forging ahead in business.
- **Good Sport**- A young person who is challenging themselves through sport.
- **Eco Icon**- A young person who is taking steps to battle the global climate crisis.
- **Young People's Champion**- A young person doing exceptional work to support other youths.
- **Team Effort**- A group of young people who are working together to do something positive in their community. This does not have to be an officially organised group.
- **Helping Hand**- A young person who has gone above and beyond to support and advocate for others.
- **Amazing Attitude**- A young person who has shown resilience by overcoming personal challenges.
- **Rising Star**- A Junior young person (aged 12 or under) who is doing something outstanding.
- **Exceptional Achievement**- A young person who has done something exceptional, either in their own personal development or for others. A true inspiration.
- **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.

The Inspire Awards Leadership Team thank you in advance for your support towards this event.

For more information on the Inspire Awards and how you can help or be involved, please contact Sarah Blackie at YouthBorders: sarah@youthborders.org.uk or 07598165287.

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