

## **YOUTHBORDERS LEAD AWARDS**

**'Learn, Educate, Advocate, Develop'**

**Anyone can nominate a group and/or individual in the Youth Sector in the Scottish Borders who are members of YouthBorders for almost all categories which are aimed at staff, managers, volunteers and young people unless specifically stated on the category e.g. Volunteer of the Year, Youth worker of the Year, Organisation of the Year and Inspiring Advocate of Mental Health for Young People Organisation Award. We want to recognise all contributions to the youth sector and to our members progressions and achievements.**

**Before nominating, please keep in mind that the awards will be presented at our Celebration of Success event on Tuesday 10th June 5.45-8pm. If your nomination wins you will need to be able to attend on this night. Each category will have a winner and runner-up.**

**Nominations close 9th May**

**Along with your nomination can you please if possible provide a photo of the nominee and send to [Stephanie@youthborders.org.uk](mailto:Stephanie@youthborders.org.uk)**

# **FOOD | AWARDS | SHOWCASE**

**JUNE 10TH | 5.45-8PM**

**THE TWEEDHORIZONS BUSSINESS AND CONFERENCE CENTRE  
NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS, TD6 0SG**



# THE CATEGORIES

## **YOUTHBORDERS LEAD AWARD (LEARN, EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, DEVELOP)**

The YouthBorders LEAD Award is to celebrate leaders who demonstrate the values (Learn, Educate, Advocate, Develop) of a true leader in everything they do. This could be a manager, youth worker, volunteer or young person. This leader inspires through their ability to involve, help and teach others during groups, activities or project work. The winner of this award is someone who has demonstrated time and time again that their leadership skills has supported others/peers in the team to succeed, learn and progress in their own roles in the organisation.

## **YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION AWARD** - SPONSORED BY SBCAN

Our Youth Climate Action Award shines a light on the great projects in the Scottish Borders which are engaging young people to protect, enhance or connect with their environment.

We're particularly interested in projects which are youth-led, and which inspire ideas for future sessions on climate action.

## **Volunteer of the Year**

*'TIME IS THE MOST VALUABLE GIFT A PERSON CAN GIVE'.*

Our volunteer of the Year award will recognise the commitment a volunteer gifts to an organisation in both time but also their contribution to activities and planning. The winner of this award will not only have volunteered for a high number of hours (at least 25 hours), they support in planning and leading activities and bring a sense of calm and humour to sessions when they are there. This person will have shown they can go above and beyond and have become an essential part of the team.

*\*If possible, during this nomination we would like to see a quote by a staff member and young person of a favourite memory of the person.*

## **PEER CHAMPION AWARD**

Our Peer Champion Award aims to recognise the important 1:1 relationships that are developed in groups, and how a volunteer or key person has supported another individual in building up their confidence and influencing a positive attitude during activities. This person can be a young person, volunteer or staff member who has encouraged their peer to take part, take the lead or helped them succeed by involving their skills and knowledge in an activity or discussion which supports others in the team or group to learn.

## **IMPACT AWARD**

*‘IN EVERY DAY, THERE ARE 1,440 MINUTES. THAT MEANS WE HAVE 1,440 DAILY OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT’.*

Our Impact Award aims to look at all the build -up opportunities a group has taken to make a huge difference to the lives on young people, their outlook on life and their ability to overcome challenges and build resilience through support, fun activities, and chances to socialise in a safe and inclusive environment. The winner should also be able to show that through their activities the young people have been able to positively impact others out with the group in their community or use their confidence/achievements gained by participating to further their learning or gain employment/volunteering in the Youth Sector.

## **Heritage Preservation Award**

Our Heritage Preservation Award looks to recognise the rich history that exists within the Scottish Borders and the activities we do as a community to preserve, highlight and enhance our heritage for future generations. We want to hear from groups or individuals who have either learnt a local niche skill, committed to helping teach others or a project that have brought Scottish Borders culture/history/sport to young people.





## CREATIVITY AND CULTURE AWARD

This award aims to recognise the fun, random and unique aspects of the creativity and culture in the Scottish Borders. We would like to hear from people and groups who encourage young people to embrace their creativity or learning and who share this with others. Whether it be a skill they already have or something they have been taught in the Youth work setting, they explore their ideas and create from this together. This skill can be anything from drama, music, learning about the world, videography, dancing or arts.

## YOUTH WORKER OF THE YEAR

Proud to be a Youth Worker. We would like to acknowledge and appreciate a person who loves and is proud to be a youth worker and it shows in their interactions with staff, volunteers and young people. This person is inclusive, flexible, adaptable and understands the values and importance of youth work. The winner will have taken the lead in activities and supported others to plan and take the lead as well.

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## ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR – PRESENTED BY YLAG MEMBER

‘WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF YOUTH WORK’.

Celebrating Youth work and those who advocate the importance of Youth work is a huge part of the ethos at Youth Borders. The Organisation of the Year will be a group that has achieved success in encouraging community participation in their activities, Youth-Led projects, promoting and integration of positive mental health wellbeing for young people and their staff and who hold activities to adhere to a wide range of abilities and interests.

*\*This award will not be judged by YouthBorders staff, it will be judged by young people from the YLAG group.*



## **COMMUNITY INSPIRATION AWARD**

*-SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY LEARNING &  
DEVELOPMENT/RESILIENT COMMUNITIES TEAM*

This individual or group will have contributed to social change within their community through running groups or raising awareness to tackle a local issue. This could be an individual or group who have chosen to give their time to change the lives of others for the better. The winner will have mapped their community to others in a positive light through their actions and determination.

## **LIFE SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE AWARD**

We are looking to celebrate a singular project within an organisation which can be Youth-led or staff designed/driven. We want to recognise a successful idea that has supported a group of young people to gain a new skill for the future. This could be anything from a physical activity that encourages positive wellbeing and routine, or skill that can be used to create, make or built success in the future.

## **INSPIRING ADVOCATE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANISATION AWARD**

*- SPONSORED NHS BORDERS PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM*

We are looking to celebrate an organisation who strives to be fully informed in supporting young people, promotes good mental health and offers a safe and supportive space. This organisation will be either in the processing of achieving their Creating Hope Award or will have fully achieved it as well as having a recognised Trusted Adult that young people know, and are aware of the best times they can speak to them. We want to hear from people that support young people with their mental health, incorporating positive mental health into the ethos of their organisation and who create hope in their local communities.



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If you have any questions about the process, please get in touch on [info@youthborders.org.uk](mailto:info@youthborders.org.uk) or phone 01896 808968, we are always happy to help and can go through the categories over the phone if this is something you need.

Thank you in advance for nominating!

If you aren't already and you feel you would like to become a member of YouthBorders please don't hesitate to contact us and we can go through the benefits.

Thank you to our partners who will be supporting and presenting some of the awards.



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