

Report on Moray Community Awards for JCC meeting on 14 August 2014

The categories have been agreed and are detailed on the attached table.

<p>Good Neighbour Champion: A person who goes the extra mile to help people round about them.</p>	<p><i>Could be someone who helps the elderly, housebound or others in need, such as cutting grass, doing gardens, going messages and keeping an eye out for them.</i></p>
<p>Young People's Champion (under 18): A young person who has registered an achievement in their life, in an area of interest, and been an inspiration to others.</p>	<p><i>Could be someone who has achieved at sport, or any kind of activity, at school, youth groups (Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Scouts, BBs etc), youth cafes etc, made an exceptional contribution to a community, or been an inspiration to others.</i></p>
<p>Youth Support Champion: A person or group who gives outstanding service to helping young people make the most of their abilities and shape up to be good citizens.</p>	<p><i>Youth Support Champion: Could be a teacher, a school worker, youth worker, group leader (Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Scouts, BBs etc), sports coach who has helped an individual or individuals register achievements and develop as young persons.</i></p>
<p>Fundraising Champion: A person or group who has done outstanding work in raising money for a charity, organisation or community.</p>	<p><i>Could be a person who has helped raise a substantial sum of money for a charity, organisation or community, or gone to exceptional lengths to raise that money.</i></p>
<p>Health Champion: A person or group who can be held up as an example in encouraging others to look after their fitness, health and well-being.</p>	<p><i>Could be a person who has played a leading role in encouraging others to exercise through fitness, jogging, sports, walking etc groups, thereby improving their health and well-being.</i></p>
<p>Green champion: A person or group who has worked in their local community to enhance the local environment and surroundings</p>	<p><i>Could be a person who plants out flowers beds, flower baskets, keeps grass areas, tidy and picks up litter, to make their community look better.</i></p>
<p>Community champion: A person or group who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her community in the last year.</p>	<p><i>Could be someone who doesn't necessarily fit into a themed category but has made an outstanding contribution to their local community, benefited the lives of others or achieved a status of being a great inspiration.</i></p>
<p>Ultimate Champion/Champion of the Year: Each of the winners from the above categories are judged against one another to determine Moray's overall Ultimate Champion or Champion of the Year.</p>	

The timeline for the awards process has been agreed and is as follows:

Friday 19th September: Story in Northern Scot alerting readers to launch of Moray Community Awards in next week's Northern Scot; accompanied by pic of members of organising group. Look out for your nomination form next week.

Friday 26th September: Launch of Nomination Form in The Scot, across social media, and printed forms put into outlets throughout Moray, with posters also put up. Soundbites from each member of the organising group on why they think it is an important initiative for Moray.

Friday 3rd October, 10th October, 17th October: Publication of Nominations Form in Northern Scot. Stories on the response and urging people to nominate.

Friday 24th October 24: Deadline for nominations.

Wednesday 29th October - Shortlist Panel

Monday 3rd November - Judging Panel

(A scoring matrix will be used during the process and any decisions weighted accordingly. The final judging panel will see anonymous information to prevent any bias or nepotism.)

Friday 21st November – Awards ceremony

It would be appreciated if the JCC could advise/assist with where we could site collection/drop off points for nomination forms.

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