

Camden Youth Awards

Recognising potential, celebrating achievement

These awards will bring the community together to recognise and celebrate the young people of Camden, and those projects and staff who support them. The nominees you put forward will have made a difference to their community or achieved something amazing in their own life.

Individual awards for young people

Do you know a young person who has achieved something that deserves recognition? Will their story inspire and encourage others? We want your nomination. Nominations can come from young people, professionals, parents, guardians, carers and local residents.

Entry criteria

Nominees must:

- be aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)
- live, work or study in Camden or attend a Camden youth project or service.

Nominations must outline:

- their level of commitment, dedication and enthusiasm towards making a change or improvement to their school, youth centre, community and / or their own life and other young people's / local residents' lives
- how significant or worthwhile their contribution or progress was
- the level of personal skill, attributes and strength of character demonstrated
- how inspiring or moving their story is.

Award categories (young people)

1. **Young Carer** – do you know a young carer who has managed to juggle practical or emotional care responsibilities for someone in their family as well as school, work or training? If so, and you feel they deserve special recognition for all that they do, you can nominate them for this award.
2. **Personal Journey** – do you know a young person who has shown determination and strength of character in overcoming a particularly difficult year or faced challenging circumstances and shown resilience to come through this time? Nominate them for this award so we can celebrate their achievements.
3. **Young Volunteer** – can you nominate a young person who has spent time working for the benefit of other residents in Camden? This could be supporting vulnerable members of the community, being proactive in community initiatives, fundraising for charities, or charity work. Help us congratulate their amazing work by nominating them for this award
4. **Positive Impact Award** - This person will have undertaken and achieved in an activity or project which has had a positive impact, through a youth club or after-school programme. Maybe they campaigned for a girls' group or set up an after-

school club that now runs. Please explain what they have achieved and what impact this has had.

Staff awards

We also want to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our staff members who work with young people. Do you know a practitioner who deserves recognition for all their hard work, and who inspires others? If so, we want to hear your nominations. Nominations can come from young people, professionals, parents, guardians, carers and local residents.

Entry criteria

Nominees must:

- be aged 19+
- Work within a Camden youth provision (either voluntary sector or council).

Nominations must outline:

- their level of commitment, dedication and enthusiasm towards making a change or improvement to their youth provision and young people's / local residents' lives
- how significant or worthwhile their contribution or progress was
- how inspiring or moving their story is.

Award categories (staff)

1. **Legacy Award (IYSS)** - do you know a practitioner within the council who has dedicated many years to working with young people to help improve their lives? Someone who has maintained motivation and passion in their line of work, who has gone above and beyond to ensure the best outcomes for young people and who has made a lasting impact during their time in Camden? If so, we want to hear about them.
2. **Practitioner Award (IYSS)** - do you work with someone in the IYSS who went above and beyond to support young people this year? What piece of work especially showed their commitment and engagement to supporting young people, and what was the outcome? Please nominate and let us know.
3. **Practitioner Award (Voluntary Sector)** – do you know of someone in the voluntary sector who has shown commitment and dedication to working with young people, who consistently shows enthusiasm and support, encouragement and innovation? Who has made a difference to the lives of young people and is an example to others? If so, we would love to hear about them, please send us your nomination.
4. **Champion for Girls and Young Women Award (IYSS / Voluntary Sector)** – do you know someone who has dedicated their time to listening to the voice of girls and young women in Camden, who champions their rights, empowers and supports them and who endeavours to create change for the girls and young women in our borough? If so, please tell us about them.

Best voluntary sector project award

Do you know of a project or organisation that goes above and beyond to support young people in Camden, which offers a dedicated service to improving the lives of young people, uses creative and innovative methods to achieve positive outcomes and which provides a supportive and caring environment for young people to flourish?

If there's a special project that comes to mind, please nominate and let us know. It can be based on a specific piece of work this project has done and can be shown through the stories of young people who attend and have been impacted by their work.

Entry criteria

To be eligible, projects must:

- be delivered in Camden for young people aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities), and
- be delivered in a youth work or group work setting.

The main selection criteria will be:

- the level of innovation and engagement of young people
- the level of young people's involvement in designing and leading the project
- the outcomes that have been achieved and evidence for this.

What do you need to do?

Please share this information with colleagues, young people and local residents, encouraging them to nominate young people and/or projects by completing this [online nomination form](#) (or scan QR code below).



Please submit your nominations by **Friday 1 November 2024**.

For any questions about nominations, please email lauren.little@camden.gov.uk

What happens next?

- All of our nominations will be judged by a panel of impartial IYSS staff members and young people who make up our Camden Youth Council and Peer Advocates.
- Award winners will be informed privately, then publicly announced on the night.
- The award winners will be invited to a Youth Award Celebration Event on **Friday 6 December 2024**. Friends and family will be invited to pre-ceremony refreshments, followed by the presentation of trophies.