

Young K&C Achievement Awards: Celebrating Excellence

Young K&C is proud to announce the Young K&C Achievement Awards, the first awards to recognise the outstanding achievements of youth professionals, volunteers and organisations within our member network.

The Young K&C Achievement Awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements made by voluntary and community organisations working with children and young people across Kensington and Chelsea.

People and projects that support children and young people create life changing opportunities for those that attend the services. Through sports, arts, education and culture, young people explore different opportunities and experiences that help improve their futures.

Young K&C is dedicated to supporting and championing the organisations and people that make it possible for children and young people to live happy, healthy lives in Kensington and Chelsea.

Nominations are now open to all current Young K&C members. We look forward to receiving a variety of nominations that showcase the incredible standard of service provided to children and young people across Kensington and Chelsea.

The awards cover work that took place between **1 September 2022 and 31 December 2023**.

Nominations are open until **11:59pm on Monday 12 February 2024**. Winners of the award will be notified in January following decisions made by a panel. Award winners will be invited to a ceremony evening in late January.

Decisions will be made by a panel consisting of Young K&C Staff, Young K&C Young Ambassadors, a representative from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, a representative of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Youth Council, a representative of a local funder, a representative of a local infrastructure organisation and local members of the community.

If you would like to nominate an organisation, project or individual, please [click here](#).

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Eligibility Criteria

Nominating

To nominate an organisation, project or individual you must be connected to a Young K&C member. This can be as a staff member, trustee, volunteer, funder, partner, delivery provider, service user or parent/career of the service user.

If you would like to nominate an organisation, project or individual for an awards, please click [here](#).

Organisations and projects

To be eligible for an award:

- Organisations must be a Young K&C member
- Projects must be run by a Young K&C member
- Projects must be for children and young people, aged 0 - 25
- Projects must have taken place in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- Projects must have take place between 1 September 2022 and 31st August 2023
- Organisations must be a registered charity (CIO) or community interest company (CIC)

If you have any questions on whether an organisation or project is eligible, please contact comms@youngkandc.org.uk

Individuals

To be eligible for an award:

- Individuals must have a connection to a Young K&C member. This can include any staff member, trustee, volunteer, service user or parent/carer of service user.
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If you have any questions on whether an individual is eligible, please contact comms@youngkandc.org.uk

Award Categories

The awards are split into two categories: Organisations & Projects and Individuals.

Please see further details on the awards categories and the focus of each award.

Organisations, projects and individuals are able to be nominated for more than one award if they fulfil the eligibility of the awards. We welcome a variety of applications across the voluntary and community sector supporting children and young people.

If you would like to nominate an organisation, project or individual for an award, please click [here](#).

Organisation and Projects

Best Work on Mental Health + Wellbeing

This award recognises an organisation or a project that has created a positive impact to the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Best Work Supporting Girls and LGBT+

This award recognises an organisation or project that has created a safe and enjoyable space for girls, young women and LGBT+ to enjoy a local voluntary provision

Best Work Exploring Culture and Identity

This award recognises an organisation or project that allows children and young people space to explore who they are and what that means to them.

Best Work Including SEND

This award recognises an organisation or project that has created an excellent service to make accessible and inclusive provision available to children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Best Work Responding to Serious Youth Violence

This award recognises an organisation or project that has guided and/or supported children and young people at risk of serious youth violence or anti-social behaviour towards positive opportunities.

Best Work Empowering Youth Voice

This award recognises an organisation or project that has excelled in empowering young people to share their opinions and voices within the community or service.

Best Work Promoting Physical Activity

This award recognises an organisation or project that has used physical activity and/or sport to create positive futures for children and young people and encourage healthy habits.

Best Work Exploring the Arts

This award recognises an organisation or project that allows children and young people to explore the arts - including theatre, music, photography/videography, creation and painting.

Best Work Accessing Digital and STEM

This award recognises an organisation or project that encourages children and young people to learn and engage with science, technology, engineering, maths and digital skills.

Best Work Supporting Training and Education

This award recognises an organisation or project that is focused on improving the education and training of children and young people. This can include work to support young people who are NEET as well as those attending education or in employment.

Best Work Improving Sustainability and the Environment

This award recognises an organisation or project that has worked to improve sustainability within the local area and support the local environment. This can include gardening, recycling and work to reduce emissions.

Best Work Championing Play

This award recognises an organisation or project that has given vital access to play provision for children and young people.

Supplementary School of the Year

This award recognises the extraordinary work that supplementary schools do to support children and young people in education and extracurricular activities.

Best Investment in Staff

This award recognises an organisation that has invested within their staff team to support their team's personal development. This is not limited to financial investment but can include training, community support, upskilling and resource sharing.

Best Collaboration Project

This award recognises a project which has shown outstanding partnership work involving 2 or more organisations to bring together and support children and young people. Only projects which take place within Kensington and Chelsea are eligible.

Rising Star

This award recognises an organisation under 2 years old that demonstrates incredible potential to become a long standing part of the community that supports children and young people in Kensington and Chelsea.

Individual Awards

Youth Worker of the Year

This award is for the youth or play worker who has exhibited outstanding work with children and young people and had an exceptional impact on the lives of people they are working with.

Leader of the Year

This award is for an individual who has led their team and/or local community to create positive outcomes for children and young people. Within their work the leader will have inspired others they work with to do the same.

Teacher of the Year

This award is for an individual who has provided outstanding educational support to children and young people and encourages positive learning for their students.

Volunteer of the Year

This award is for a volunteer who has made an exceptional contribution to the lives of children and young people in Kensington and Chelsea

Young Volunteer of the Year

This award is for a volunteer, under the age of 25, who has made an exceptional contribution to the lives of children and young people in Kensington and Chelsea

Future Young Leader

This award is for someone under the age of 25 who demonstrates excellent potential for becoming someone in the community who will create positive futures for children and young people.

Trustee of the Year

This award recognises a trustee who has taken an active role in supporting the community and helping develop their organisation.

Unsung Hero

This award recognises a member of the community who supports the lives of children and young people, often without any formal recognition for their work. This could be a volunteer, parent/career or community member.

Lifetime Achievement

This award recognises the long term contribution of a member of the local community to supporting children and young people in Kensington and Chelsea. This award is for someone who has dedicated their life to creating positive futures for local young people.

Aspirational Person

This award is dedicated to someone who acts as a positive role model for children and young people. The person has demonstrated aspirational qualities for local young people to look up to. We encourage this award to be nominated by local young people.

Terms and Conditions

1. The closing date for nominations for the Young K&C Achievement Awards is **11:59pm on Monday 12 February 2023**. Any nominations received after this time will not be considered.
2. All work nominated must have been completed, or partially completed, between **September 1 2022 and December 31 2023**.
3. In order for your nomination to be considered, your organisation (or the organisation the nominee is connected to), **must be a Young K&C member**. Any nominations received from nonmembers will not be considered.
4. Any young person nominated for the Young Volunteer of the Year or Future Leader award **must be aged 25 or under as of 12 February 2023**.
5. Young K&C will collect information from you using the nominations form. This information will be used to process your nomination. We will also use this information to contact you regarding your nomination and the awards ceremony. We may contact shortlisted nominees for additional information ahead of the event.
6. You have the right to request access to your data and for us to correct or delete your data by contacting us on the below email address. You may withdraw consent for us to process this data at any time, however this will mean your nomination will be unable to be processed and will no longer be eligible for an award.
7. If you have any questions about the terms and conditions of the Young K&C Achievement Awards 2024, please contact **Niamh on niamh@youngkandc.org.uk**