

# The Community Award Scheme Guidance



## The Aim of the Scheme

The 'Community Champion' award aims to recognise an individual who has committed significantly to their local community.

The 'Young hero' award aims to recognise a young person who has committed significantly to their local community. This award is for ages 15 years and younger.

## Who can be nominated?

Anyone who thinks merits an award for having made a significant contribution to their local community. The individual must live within the City (nominators / seconders can live outside of the City).

## The nomination process

Please complete and return the application form to [democraticservices@douglas.gov.im](mailto:democraticservices@douglas.gov.im).

The closing date for receipt of nominations is **Monday 31st July 2024**, at which time a panel, consisting of the Mayor, one other Council Member and one independent person (appointed by the Mayor) will review and select a winner for both the Community Champion and Young Hero awards.

Applicants can be expected to be contacted mid-November to advise on the outcome of the panel's decision, with the award being presented to the chosen winners at a Douglas public event to be confirmed.

## The criteria

There is no pre-determined criteria on what a 'significant contribution to the local community' might be. However, a significant contribution could be any or all of the following;

- ★ Long and sustained service to the local community or part of it over a period of time (normally years however, it will not exclude members of the public that have made significant short term commitments)
- ★ Achievements / actions that are of an inspiring nature to the local community
- ★ Activities that have benefited the City or its people

When making its decision, the judging panel will take into account the level of commitment shown by the individual; any obstacles that they have had to overcome and the number of people that the commitment has benefitted.

**“Sarah has volunteered at the local Scout Group for the past 8 years, she has played a vital role in helping children and young adults develop skills such as teamwork, time management, leadership and communication skills”**



## Community Champion

This one's for ordinary people making an extraordinary difference to the lives of others. It could be someone who helps the vulnerable or disadvantaged, a charity volunteer or a tireless fundraiser.

Don't forget people who are not part of an organisation.

**“Jack raised £3000 for a local charity by helping older people in the local community with their gardening.”**

**“Emily is a young hero for organising a Dance-a-thon, raising funds for other children to attend clubs and enjoy new experiences”**



## Young Hero

We want to recognise any young person 15 or under who has made a stand to improve the lives of others within their community.

# Community Award Scheme Nomination Form

Name of nominee

Is this person a Douglas Resident?

Yes

No

Please tick the award the individual is nominated for

Community Champion

Young Hero

## Details of Proposer

Your name

Your address

Contact Number

Contact Email

Signature

Print Name

Date

Name of Seconder

### Data Protection

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Please provide a detailed description of why you think this individual should be nominated. In reaching its decision, the judging panel will use the information provided to select a winner.

