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Awards for young people taking part in positive activities

ABC's (Awards for Bridging Communities)

iCoCo (Institute of Community Cohesion)

Set up to highlight and reward grass roots, community and voluntary organisations for local schemes and projects which promote intercultural dialogue and understanding. Categories include awards for small and large scale community and voluntary sector organisations and a third for private or public sector organisations supporting the schemes. All categories include a requirement for applicants to demonstrate involvement of participations across a range of cultures, backgrounds and communities.

How to apply

Annually - deadline for applications usually during October. Fill out online application form, available from the website.

Prize

Publicity and financial rewards.

Judges/selection process

Short listed organisations in the two community and voluntary sector categories will be supplied with a DVD camera and technical support to make and submit a short DVD of their scheme and its activities prior to final judging. These films will be uploaded to the ABC website to showcase good practice.

Website

<http://www.bridgingcultures.org.uk/>

E-mail

<mailto:awards@bridgingcultures.org.uk>

Telephone

024 7670 5768

Beacon Prize

The Beacon Fellowship

Prize scheme set up to acknowledge and reward exceptional philanthropic acts by individuals in giving time, leadership, money, skills and ideas to charitable causes. Categories include one aimed at individuals aged under 25 whose effort and contribution will have established them as a role model and a catalyst for a new generation of givers.

How to apply

See website for details of next round.

Prize

Judges/selection process

Website

<http://www.beaconfellowship.org.uk/index.asp>

E-mail

<mailto:enquiries@beaconfellowship.org.uk>

Telephone

020 7203 8290



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CHANGEit Awards

Deutsche Bank and Common Purpose

Annual award scheme which recognises, supports and rewards campaigners aged 11-18 from across the UK. The Performance awards are for young people who have taken action on issues they care about and launched campaigns to create positive change. The Innovation awards are for young people who want to make positive change happen, but need help with the funding and/or the know how to get started. The scheme also includes a photo contest open to young people who have captured images of campaigning in action that has been started or helped by young people.

How to apply

Online application available from the website. Nominations take place annually - usually closing mid-January.

Prize

All nominations will receive a certificate of recognition. Winners in the Performance category will receive a prize of £750 and finalists will receive £250. Winners in the Innovation category will receive £750 for their campaign plus a mentor to help make their idea into a reality, and finalists will receive £250. Winners in the photo contest will win £250 and will have their photograph displayed at the CHANGEit art exhibit in central London. All finalists and winners will be featured on the CHANGEit website.

Judges/selection process

All nominations will be reviewed by a short-listing team. Eight will be selected as finalists for the Innovation and Performance categories and these will then go before a judging panel. Twelve photographs will be short-listed for the photo contest which will go before the judging panel and all images will be part of the CHANGEit exhibition. Short-listed nominations will be notified one month after the application deadline.

Website

<http://www.changeit.org.uk/>

E-mail

changeit@commonpurpose.org.uk

Telephone

020 7608 8148

European Charlemagne Youth Prize

Open to young people aged 16-30 from EU member states involved in work on themes including EU development, integration and European identity issues. Projects can focus on the organisation of various youth events, youth exchanges or internet projects with a European dimension.

How to apply

Application forms are available through the web sites of national Information Offices of the European Parliament. Submission deadline for current round is 19 January 2009 - see website for dates of future rounds.

Prize

The prize for the best project is €5000, the second, €3000 and the third, €2000.

Judges/selection process

National juries consisting of at least two Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and one representative of youth organisations will select one national winner from each of 27 Member States: the European jury consisting of three MEPs, the President of the European Parliament, and four representatives of the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen and will then select the winner from the 27 projects submitted by national juries.

Website

<http://cyp.adagio4.eu/view/en/introduction.html>

E-mail

Telephone



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FRANK Awards

FRANK

The FRANK awards reward the work of individuals or organisations across the country who have used the FRANK campaign to raise awareness of drugs issues and make an impact on the community. Nominations fall within two categories: FRANK communications aimed at young people; and FRANK communications aimed at the wider community.

How to apply

Anyone can nominate themselves, an organisation, team or individual. Nominations usually take place during November/December - forms available from the website.

Prize

Winners will be invited to an awards reception at the Home Office (usually scheduled for March).

Judges/selection process

An expert judging panel chaired by the Home Office will assess nominations. Suitable nominations will then be posted on the website and votes will be invited via email (usually during January/February).

Website

<http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/communications-and-campaigns/frank-campaign/awards/>

E-mail

frank@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Telephone

020 7035 0200

G-Nation

Citizenship Foundation

Awards aimed at schools from around the UK in recognition of their fundraising, campaigning and volunteering activity.

How to apply

Nominations open around September each year. Check website for details of latest round.

Prize

Eight winning schools will be invited to a 'glitsy' awards day in London to be presented with £1000 towards charity action at their school. One overall winning school will be given the chance to spend a week directly experiencing and supporting the work of a charity in the UK or overseas.

Judges/selection process

Website

<http://www.g-nation.co.uk/>

E-mail

<mailto:felicity.tyson@citizenshipfoundation.org.uk>

Telephone

0207 566 4151



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Gold Awards

Volunteering England

Nationally recognised awards scheme allowing student volunteering groups to honour their most deserving volunteers. The scheme provides a process and framework for rewarding student volunteers in areas such as leadership, dedication and achievement. Guidance on creating a selection process and publicising winners in national and local press is also provided.

How to apply

Universities and colleges need to complete a registration form in order to receive 'winners forms' for individual volunteers. Check website for 2009 registration deadline.

Prize

Certificates provided by Volunteering England on completion of 'winners forms' submitted by the selection panel.

Judges/selection process

Winners decided by panels set up by individual universities or colleges.

Website

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Student+Volunteering/Get+Involved/STUDENT+VOLUNTEERING+GOLD+AWARDS.htm>

E-mail

<mailto:svawards@volunteeringengland.org>

Telephone

Humanitarian Citizenship Awards

British Red Cross

Set up to recognise the achievements of young people and celebrate the contribution they make to help the lives of others. Open to any individual or group aged under 25 years.

How to apply

Nominations open each summer - check website for details.

Prize

Judges/selection process

Website

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=79631>

E-mail

<mailto:information@redcross.org.uk>

Telephone

0844 871 11 11

Make It Real Awards

Youth Action Network

Set up to reward and recognise groups of young volunteers and the workers who support them for making a positive difference to their local community.

How to apply

Nominations invited annually - usually during October (see website for details of next round).

Prize

Prizes include £1,000 cash for top winning groups for use towards projects and a specially engraved trophy. Workers receive a voucher to spend on a Red Letter Day and a trophy.

Judges/selection process

Website

<http://www.youthactionnetwork.org.uk/index.php>

E-mail

<mailto:info@youthactionnetwork.org.uk>

Telephone

0121 455 9732



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Make Your Mark Challenge

Enterprise Insight

Competition used to launch Social Enterprise Week in November of each year, open to students aged 14-16 and 16-19 (key stages 4 and 5). A brief is revealed on the Make your Mark website on the day of the launch and students will be expected to work in teams to come up with new and innovative ideas in response.

How to apply

School and colleges should register their interest in taking part via the website (usually before October each year). Entries for each age category should be submitted to the website during Enterprise Week.

Prize

The winning team of the Make Your Mark Challenge will take away a trophy and £3,000 to set up a Make Your Mark Club to make an idea happen. Second and third place get £2,000 and £1,000 respectively. Each member of the winning team will receive £100 of high street vouchers. Each student who is registered to take part will receive a certificate.

Judges/selection process

Entries in the 14-16 category will be judged by region with the top 20 teams in each region invited to attend a Regional Final. Teams will be given five minutes to present their idea to a panel of judges who will question the teams about their idea and then select one winning team from each region. Entries submitted in the 16-19 category will be judged by a national panel of expert judges and the top 10 teams from across the UK will be invited to attend the National Final.

Website

<http://www.enterpriseweek.org.uk/home>

E-mail

banana@makeyourmark.org.uk

Telephone

0845 094 0226

Make Your Mark with a Tenner

Enterprise Insight (supported by NESTA)

Make Your Mark with a Tenner loans young people £10 for one month and challenges them to make as much profit and social impact as they can. The 2009 challenge takes place throughout February and will be open to at least 20,000 young people aged 19 and under from schools, colleges and youth groups across the UK.

How to apply

Teachers, tutors and youth group leaders can download an application form from the website to receive tenners for their young people.

Prize

Prizes will be awarded to those with the most profit, the greatest social impact and for ventures in special categories such as Sport and Online.

Judges/selection process

Website

http://www.makeyourmark.org.uk/get_involved/make_your_mark_with_a_tenner

E-mail

<mailto:tenner@makeyourmark.org.uk>

Telephone

020 7430 8010



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Matt Spencer Award

Volunteering England

Award fund set up in memory of Matt Spencer, Vice President Education and Representation at the Students' Union and former student director on the Trustee Board of Student Volunteering UK. Awards celebrate and recognise the outstanding contribution of student volunteers.

How to apply

The fund invites all student volunteering groups to nominate up to two student volunteers from their group who they feel particularly stand out and are deserving of the Award. Students may nominate themselves or have someone else nominate them. Check website for details of the 2009 Awards.

Prize

An inscribed tankard, a cheque for £100 and a bottle of champagne.

Judges/selection process

Website

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Student+Volunteering/Get+Involved/Matt+Spencer+Award.htm>

E-mail

<mailto:scawards@volunteeringengland.org>

Telephone

Phillip Lawrence Awards

4Children on behalf of the Home Office

Rewarding outstanding achievements in good citizenship by groups of young people aged 11 to 20. The awards recognise contributions to the community which bring out the best in young people, empower them to take the initiative and make a real difference to their lives and the lives of others.

How to apply

Information on nominations for 2009 awards will be available from the website early in the New Year.

Prize

Winning groups receive a cash prize of £1,000 to invest in their award winning activity.

Judges/selection process

Winners announced at awards ceremony held in December each year.

Website

<http://www.4children.org.uk/pla/about/>

E-mail

Telephone



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Positive Images Awards

Children and Young People Now

Award scheme which aims to combat the negative portrayal of young people in the media by recognising the positive contributions they make across the UK. Includes five categories designed to reward youth organisations and young people: best magazine produced by young people for young people; best interactive media produced by young people for young people; best broadcast produced by young people for young people; best involvement by a young person in promoting a positive media portrayal; and best publicity campaign by a youth group. A further four categories are open to media organisations for positive portrayals of young people in TV and press coverage.

How to apply

Entry forms available from the website - call for nominations usually take place in January of each year.

Prize

Winners and guests will be invited to an awards reception (usually takes place in June).

Judges/selection process

Entries are judged by a panel of young people and youth sector figures.

Website

www.cypnow.co.uk

E-mail

<mailto:cypnow.editorial@haymarket.com>

Telephone

020 8267 4728

Seen and Heard

BT and UK Youth Parliament

Annual award scheme to recognise and reward the achievements of young people who have made a real difference to their own lives and the lives of others. The awards forms part of BT's Better World Campaign which promote young people's use of communication skills to help achieve their potential. Also includes categories to recognise adults who have listened to and acted upon the voices of young people.

How to apply

Check website for details of 2009 awards.

Prize

20 winning stories will feature in the annual Seen and Heard report and attend an awards ceremony held in London.

Judges/selection process

Winners are selected by panels of young judges, aged 11 to 24, across the UK and in the US.

Website

[http://www.btbetterworld.com/giving_young_people_a_voice/seen_and_heard_aws](http://www.btbetterworld.com/giving_young_people_a_voice/seen_and_heard_awards)

E-mail

<mailto:bt.betterworld-resource@bt.com>

Telephone

0870 333 0373



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The Diana Award

Gives recognition to outstanding young people aged 11-18 who make selfless contributions to their communities and invest a huge amount of energy and compassion to improve the lives of others. A special Diana Anti-Bullying Award for those young people aged 5-18 who work hard to eradicate bullying from their schools and communities is also available.

How to apply

Schools, colleges and other organisations that work with the 12-18 age group may either nominate between one and six individuals who meet the nomination criteria (see website for details) or can nominate a single group of up to 30 young people who have taken part in the same qualifying activity. Nomination forms available online. The nomination deadline for 2008/09 awards is 22nd May 2009.

If nominating a group, you will need to provide evidence that each member has contributed fully to the activity for which they have been nominated.

Prize

Diana Award Holders receive a hand-written certificate, signed by Rt Hon. Gordon Brown MP, and a silver lapel pin. Award Holders automatically become members of the award's Alumni Programme.

Judges/selection process

An impartial selection panel assesses nomination forms that meet our criteria. The membership of each panel varies, but members will typically include a representative from the Diana Award and at least one existing Award Holder, along with adults who may be teachers, trustees, representatives of youth organisations, local authority officials, children's services officers or people with a similarly qualified background.

Website

<http://www.diana-award.org.uk/>

E-mail

<http://www.diana-award.org.uk/about/contact.aspx>

Telephone

0845 3372987

The Queens Golden Jubilee Award

Consolidated PR on behalf of Office of the Third Sector

Purpose is to recognise groups of volunteers who are giving their time freely for the benefit of others.

How to apply

In common with the UK National Honours, there are no deadlines for the receipt of nomination forms. Award nominations will be considered at any point within 3 years of the nomination. Forms available from the website.

Prize

A certificate signed by The Queen and a commemorative piece of crystal for display at the group's main place of operation. The Awards will be presented on behalf of The Queen by the Lord-Lieutenant for the county in which the group

Judges/selection process

Each nomination is first appraised within the county where the group is operating. A Specialist Assessment Panel, comprising independent experts in volunteering from across the UK, will then judge nominated groups against the Award criteria, taking into account the appraisal made in the Counties. The Awards are announced on 2nd June each year (the anniversary of The Queen's Coronation).

Website

<http://www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk/index.html>

E-mail

<mailto:TamaraCJ@consol.co.uk>

Telephone

020 7781 2330



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The Steve Sennet Award - Young Global

Action Aid on behalf of the Global Campaign for Education

Set up in memory of global education campaigner, Steve Sennet, the scheme aims to encourage young people aged 13-19 to campaign on global education and further their campaigning skills.

How to apply

Applications are invited from young people through their schools. Forms available from the website. Entries for 2008/09 are now closed - see website for details of 2009/10 round.

Prize

Two young campaigners and their teacher will be given the opportunity to travel to a developing country to investigate the barrier to education there. On their return they will be invited to help further the campaign by acting as ambassadors and undertaking a range of activities as part of Global Action Week.

Judges/selection process

Judges include Steve Sennet's widow and editor of the Guardian. Shortlisted candidates are required to make a presentation on their campaigning ideas before the judging panel.

Website

<http://www.campaignforeducation.org/en/news/gces-member-news/49>

E-mail

<mailto:karen.garvin@actionaid.org.uk>

Telephone

020 8442 1362

The Young Achievers Awards

The Young Achievers Trust

Awards recognising the achievements of young volunteers, activists and social entrepreneurs aged 16-19 and 19-25. Available in four categories: sport; community; environment; and the arts.

How to apply

Register online to receive details of next round.

Prize

Winners in each category win £1,000 for personal and project development, follow-on support programme to help develop their skills and realise their ambitions, a trip on the London Eye for the winner and a friend, and RSA fellowship for a year. Two runners up in each categories win £250 for personal and project development, and a follow-on support programme. Thirty two commended nominees each win: £50 cash prize and a follow-on support programme.

Judges/selection process

Winners are selected by young volunteers and professionals with expertise in each of the four categories.

Website

<http://www.youngachievers.co.uk/home.aspx>

E-mail

<mailto:info@youngachievers.co.uk>

Telephone



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Unboxed Awards

Unboxed

Awards recognise outstanding projects that achieve ambitious objectives in their work with young people using original and imaginative approaches that could be replicated and developed elsewhere.

How to apply

Projects will need to demonstrate how young people have been involved and engaged in the projects and to what effect. The online entry form is in 3 parts: a 75-word summary of achievement; a 1,500-word profile of their project; and a 300 word proposal for how the current project or related activities could be developed or expanded with additional financial support. Projects will also need to identify a young person - or group of young people - who can speak on behalf of the project and its achievements should they be chosen as finalists. Selection usually takes places in October following September deadline for entries.

Prize

Winners share prize money totalling £4,000 to enable them to build on their achievements or take on new challenges that they have identified.

Judges/selection process

An independent expert panel decides on a long shorlist. A summary of shortlisted entries are then posted on the Unboxed website and registered users (practitioners working with young people) invited to vote for the best entries. Winners will be announced at the annual Unboxed conference.

Website

<http://www.unboxed.info/awards2008.php>

E-mail

Telephone

020 8348 8263

Young Partners Awards

National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS)

Awards recognise young people's involvement in decision-making within voluntary youth organisations and projects. It provides an opportunity for organisations and projects to demonstrate what they have achieved, share ideas and inspire other organisations to share power with young people.

How to apply

Prize

Winning projects are announced at the awards ceremony (usually taking place in December each year).

Judges/selection process

Shortlisting of nominations, including visiting projects and planning the awards ceremony is carried out by young people from Young Partners Award planning team.

Website

<http://ncvys.org.uk/index.php?page=269>

E-mail

<mailto:mail@ncvys.org.uk>

Telephone

020 7278 1041



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Young Whippersnapper

Youth Action Network

Annual photo competition, which invites young volunteers across the country to submit images which showcase projects already taking place, or would encourage other young people to get involved in youth action.

How to apply

Prize

Prizes for first, second and third place finalists - winners receive a selection of game consoles and canvas print of winning images.

Judges/selection process

Winner chosen by online vote.

Website

http://www.youthactionnetwork.org.uk/index.php?option=com_gallery§ion=whipper08

E-mail

<mailto:info@youthactionnetwork.org.uk>

Telephone

0121 455 9732

YourFilm09

Mediabox, Bebo, The Mirror

Competition giving disadvantaged young people aged 13 to 19 the chance to make films about issues that matter to them and to get their voices heard.

How to apply

To enter visit www.mirror.co.uk/yourfilm09 and write a short paragraph describing your film idea. The closing date for entries is usually January.

Prize

Winners receive a grant, all expenses paid workshop and the chance to be mentored by top industry professionals. Winning films will be screened on Bebo and Mirror.co.uk.

Judges/selection process

Website

http://www.media-box.co.uk/items/news/press_releases/mirror_bebo_comp.doc

E-mail

<mailto:info@media-box.co.uk>

Telephone

0121 753 4866