

Commonwealth Youth Worker Awards 2014 Submission Form

Nominations open on 30 July 2014

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Youth Worker Awards 5 November 2014



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Front Cover

From left to right: Commonwealth Youth Worker Award Caribbean Regional Winner Alex Foster; Former Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba; Asia Regional Winner Priyadharshanie Ariyaratne; Africa Regional Winner Nelly Shella Tchaptcheut Yonga; and Pacific Regional Winner Joanne Dorres.

Commonwealth Secretariat, London

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AWARDS

The Commonwealth Youth Worker Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and recognise outstanding youth workers across the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Youth Programme is now looking for nominations, evidence of outstanding commitment and performance from individuals currently serving as a youth worker.

We welcome nominations for anyone you may know or work with, persons you think are exceptional and deserve to be recognised for their work and achievements as a youth worker.

HOW TO ENTER

Please complete the attached nomination form.

Please submit completed nomination forms on or before the closing date.

Please provide relevant information to support the nomination.

Names and contact details of the person able to endorse the nomination should be provided in the appropriate section.

Persons able to endorse the nomination include: Senior Officers in the Department/Ministry of Youth, Senior staff in a relevant Non-Government Organisation/Civil Society Organisation; Executive members of the National Youth Council or Youth Led Organisations.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Youth workers nominated should demonstrate their impact on young people, the wider community and how youth work practice provided these outcomes.

The main selection criteria will include:

- Impact on young people's lives -
evidence of how the youth worker has made an impact on the lives of young people
- Impact of youth work skills -
evidence to show that it was their use of youth work skills that made the difference in the work with young people
- Impact on the wider community -
the impact the youth worker's intervention had on the community, families etc.
- Challenges in delivery -
did the applicant have to overcome any challenges in delivering their work with young people (funding, bureaucracy, public opposition to the project etc.)

Remember you can nominate more than one youth worker, but they need to be separate applications.

All nominations must be received by Saturday 30 August 2014.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Encourage others to nominate a youth worker by completing the nomination form, giving as much information as possible.

Completed forms should be emailed to l.robinson@commonwealth.int; Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, United Kingdom.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Four finalists (16 total) will be shortlisted from four regions (Africa and Europe, Asia, Americas and Caribbean, and Pacific) and contacted in September.

The winner of each region will be invited to the Youth Worker Awards ceremony, which will be held during Youth Work Week between 3-9 November at the Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London, United Kingdom.

During the awards presentation, the regional winners and a Commonwealth Youth Worker of the Year 2014 will be formally announced.

The winners will be asked to agree that the Commonwealth can use their profile and photographs in all publicity about the awards and ceremony, and asked to help with the promotion of the Youth Worker Awards in 2015.

The decisions of the judges will be final.



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YOUTH WORKER AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

About You

Your Name:

Address:

Email:

Contact Number:

About the Nominee

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Email:

Contact Number:

Please state your reasons for nominating this youth worker: (max 250 words)

Name and contact details of the person who will endorse the application:

Address and contact details of the nominee's organisation:

Description of projects or programmes your nominated youth worker has been involved in, including location and circumstances of young people taking part in the project: (max 200 words)

How does the project or programme fit within the selection criteria? (max 200 words)

Please provide any evidence that supports the nomination including; links to news items, articles, websites, online reports etc: (max 200 words)

Please provide any other relevant information to support your nomination: (max 100 words)

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