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CHILDHOOD
CHAMPION
AWARDS 2016

For more information on the Childhood Champion Awards 2016, please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/childhood-champion-awards

Nomination guidelines

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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Something to celebrate



This year we're launching our Childhood Champion awards. We've created these awards to recognise the outstanding contribution that our volunteers make to the NSPCC's fight for every childhood.

We have almost 11,000 volunteers across the NSPCC – incredible people who are committed to sharing their passion, skills and time. I'm so proud and grateful to every individual for all the ways they support our work; whether they're providing a listening ear to young people in crisis, fundraising to keep us independent, working with vulnerable parents, or showing school children how they can speak out and stay safe.

We urge everyone across the NSPCC who works with volunteers to make a nomination, whether you're a member of staff or a volunteer yourself. This is your opportunity to shout out about your fantastic volunteer colleagues. Tell us how an individual or a team goes that extra mile for children and families, why they are an inspiration to work or volunteer alongside, and why every moment of time they give the NSPCC brings us closer to ending child abuse in the UK.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter Wanless". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peter Wanless
Chief Executive

Nominations and judging

- 1** Read the guidelines in this booklet carefully before deciding which award(s) best fit the achievements of your nominee(s).
- 2** Complete an online or paper nomination form, making sure you include:
 - name and contact details for both you and your nominee (if you're nominating in one of the group categories, please provide a named individual for us to contact if they win)
 - your reason for nominating your chosen volunteer(s) – be clear and concise when writing your nomination and please don't exceed the word limit of 500 words per nomination
 - examples, dates, facts and figures wherever possible to emphasise your nominee's achievements and efforts in fighting for every childhood.

Your nominations will be judged on how well they address the award criteria so read through these carefully before writing your nomination.
- 3** Send your nomination form(s) in before the deadline of **5pm Friday 5 February 2016**.
 - Complete the nomination form on our website at **www.nspcc.org.uk/childhood-champions**
 - or
 - post your completed nomination form to:

**Childhood Champions
Volunteer Recruitment
and Support team
NSPCC Regional Centre
3rd Floor, CIBA Building
146 Hagley Road
Edgbaston
Birmingham
B16 9NP**
- 4** Regional judging panels will decide winners for each category.
- 5** Regional award winners will go forward for the national titles which will be judged by a national panel of colleagues and young people, including our CEO, Peter Wanless.
- 6** Regional award winners will be informed by 31 March 2016 and invited to a special awards presentation and lunch in summer 2016.

For nomination advice please contact the Volunteering team on **0121 227 7577** or email **childhoodchampions@nspcc.org.uk**

Points to remember

- All of our current volunteers are eligible for awards.
- All of our current staff and volunteers are eligible to nominate any volunteer.
- You can nominate as many volunteers as you wish.
- You can nominate the same volunteer for more than one award, but you should tailor the nominations to meet the criteria.
- You must stay within the 500 word limit for each nomination, and keep in mind that this is a limit, not a target. Try to be as concise as possible. If you can make your nominee shine in a few sentences, do it!
- Due to the careful consideration needed to select the winners we regret that late nominations cannot be accepted.
- We recommend that you don't tell your nominee that you're putting them forward for an award at this stage, but this is entirely up to you.
- Think about how your nominee lives our values, and how you can demonstrate this in your nomination:
 - putting children first
 - taking a stand
 - making an impact
 - never settling for second best
 - working together

Regions

You'll be asked to tell us on your nomination form where your nominee volunteers for us:

- Northern Ireland
- Wales
- Scotland
- North of England
- Midlands
- East of England
- London and the South East of England
- South West of England and the Channel Islands

Award categories

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Outstanding Achievement of the Year

This award is given to a volunteer who has made an outstanding achievement during 2015 which has had a significant impact upon the NSPCC.

Who is eligible?

Individual volunteers

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1** What outstanding achievement has your nominee had over the past year?
This could be an idea they've had that's been successfully implemented, or any achievement that has had a significant impact.
- 2** Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3** What impact has this made to the NSPCC?
Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/challenges overcome/seized opportunities.
- 4** With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the charity?

Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year

This award is given to a young person (under 25) who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution to volunteering with the NSPCC (could be a member of the Participation Unit or any young volunteer).

Who is eligible?

Individual volunteers under 25 years old at the date of nomination

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1** What contribution has your nominee made in their volunteering role?
- 2** Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3** What impact has this made to the NSPCC?
Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/challenges overcome/ seized opportunities.
- 4** With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the NSPCC?

Schools Volunteer of the Year

This award is for an NSPCC schools service volunteer who has gone the extra mile for the programme and made a real difference to its success.

Who is eligible?

Individual NSPCC schools service volunteers

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1** What contribution has your nominee made to the NSPCC schools service? This should be more than length of service, although this could well be a contributing factor in why you think the nominee deserves recognition.
- 2** How has this volunteer gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3** What impact has this volunteer made to the NSPCC schools service? Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/ improvement/challenges overcome/seized opportunities.
- 4** With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the NSPCC?

ChildLine Volunteer of the Year

This award is for a ChildLine volunteer who has gone the extra mile for the service and made a real difference to its success.

Who is eligible?

Individual ChildLine volunteers

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1** What contribution has your nominee made to ChildLine? This should be more than length of service, although this could well be a contributing factor in why you think the nominee deserves recognition.
- 2** How has this volunteer gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3** What impact has this volunteer made to ChildLine? Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/ improvement/challenges overcome/ seized opportunities.
- 4** With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the NSPCC and ChildLine?

Frontline Service Volunteer of the Year

This award is for a volunteer working on any of our Children's Services programmes who has gone the extra mile for the service and made a real difference to its successes.

Who is eligible?

Individual Children's services volunteers

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1** What contribution has your nominee made to the service? This should be more than length of service, although this could well be a contributing factor in why you think the nominee deserves recognition.
- 2** Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3** What impact has this made to the service? Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/ improvement/ challenges overcome/ seized opportunities.
- 4** With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the charity?

Employee Volunteer of the Year

This award is for a member of NSPCC staff who also volunteers for the charity and has made an outstanding difference in their volunteering capacity.

Who is eligible?

Individual colleagues who both work and volunteer for the NSPCC

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1** What contribution has your nominee made in their volunteering role?
- 2** Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3** What impact has this volunteer made to the NSPCC? Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/ challenges overcome/seized opportunities.
- 4** With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the NSPCC?

Event Volunteer of the Year

This award is for a volunteer who has made an outstanding difference to the success of one or more of our events. These events could include Special Events, Participation Events or one of our conferences.

Who is eligible?

Individual volunteers involved in one or more of our NSPCC events

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1 What contribution has your nominee made to the event(s)?
- 2 Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3 What impact has this made to the event? Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/challenges overcome/seized opportunities.
- 4 With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the charity?

Community Volunteer of the Year

This award is for a community fundraising volunteer who has made a demonstrable difference to NSPCC fundraising and awareness-raising in their local community.

Who is eligible?

Individual community fundraising volunteers

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1 What contribution has your nominee made to community fundraising? This should be more than length of service, although this could well be a contributing factor in why you think the nominee deserves recognition.
- 2 Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3 What impact has this made to fundraising and awareness-raising in their local community? Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/challenges overcome/seized opportunities.
- 4 With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the charity?

School of the Year

This award is for a school that has made a demonstrable difference to fundraising and/or awareness-raising in their local community.

Who is eligible?

All schools

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1 What contribution has the school made to the NSPCC? This should be more than fundraising figures, but should showcase innovation, achievement and determination.
- 2 Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3 What impact has this school made to fundraising and awareness-raising in their local community? Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/challenges overcome/seized opportunities.
- 4 With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the charity?

Branch of the Year

This award is for an NSPCC fundraising branch that has gone the extra mile and made an outstanding contribution to the NSPCC during the year.

Who is eligible?

Community fundraising branches

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1 What contribution has your nominated branch made to community fundraising? This should be more than fundraising figures, but should showcase innovation, achievement and determination.
- 2 Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3 What impact has this made to fundraising and awareness-raising in their region? Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/challenges overcome/seized opportunities.
- 4 With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the charity?

Corporate Partner of the Year

This award is for our current corporate partners who have made an outstanding contribution to the NSPCC during 2015.

Who is eligible?

All corporate partners

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1 What contribution has your nominee made to the NSPCC?
- 2 Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3 What impact has this made to the NSPCC?
Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/ challenges overcome/ seized opportunities.
- 4 With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the charity?

Volunteer Leader of the Year

This award is for members of any of our boards who have made an outstanding contribution to the NSPCC during 2015.

Who is eligible?

Individuals from any of our volunteer boards

Criteria

Please tell us:

- 1 What contribution has your nominee made to the NSPCC? This should be more than length of service, although this could well be a contributing factor in why you think the nominee deserves recognition.
- 2 Why has this achievement gone above and beyond expectations?
- 3 What impact has this made to the NSPCC?
Where possible please provide figures or examples of a specific change/improvement/ challenges overcome/seized opportunities.
- 4 With our values in mind, how have they demonstrated passion and commitment to the charity?