

## YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD 2018

The Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary GBI) Rotary Young Citizen Awards (YCA) were created to celebrate the achievements and commitment of inspiring young people across Great Britain and Ireland. Rotary GBI launched the Young Citizen Award when Rotary GBI President 2016-17 Eve Conway, originally developed the idea and concept ten years ago.

The YCAs are internally managed by the Rotary Home Committee (Youth) with one Rotarian working as the responsible liaison for club contact. The Rotarian liaison for 2017/18 is [Eve Conway](#).

The awards are to showcase and celebrate the positive citizenship and important responsibilities assumed by many young people under the age of **25**.

YCA winners receive a trophy, certificate and a prize of £500 for the winners' nominated charity or good cause. The awards will be presented at the Rotary GBI Annual Conference being held in Torquay on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Awardees will need to supply information detailing to which Charity or good cause their prize cheque should be made payable in advance of their attendance at the Conference.

Those nominated do not have to be working on a Rotary project to be eligible for an award. What matters is that they, individually or as part of a group, have made a positive difference which is recognised by a local Rotary club as worthy of a nomination; for example, they might be champions in their school or local community, young carers, fundraisers, volunteers or have shown particular courage in some way.

Rotary clubs, Rotary districts and the Rotary Home Committee (Youth) recognise that there are many young positive role-models who are going out of their way to make a difference to our world and the Awards showcase the good that young people are doing and these are the success stories of all the Rotary Young Citizen Awardees. The Awards were developed to overcome negative stereotypes of young people at a time when, as now, the headlines are so often dominated by bad news about young people getting involved in anti-social behaviour. Rotary recognises that the majority of youngsters are not like that, and acknowledges that with these Awards.

Every nomination will receive a personalised certificate from Rotary (signed by the Rotary GBI President) which will recognise the achievement that led to being nominated by the local Rotary club. The Rotary club is responsible for submitting nominations to the organisers by the date indicated.

All entries will be reviewed and a short list drawn up before the winners are identified by the judging panel.

If you know of an inspiring individual or group, and would like to nominate them, please contact your local Rotary club.

Rotary clubs and districts can find more information on the [Youth Service pages](#) of the Rotary GBI website.

If Young Citizen Nominees or Awardees are under the age of nineteen, they are able, if eligible according to the criteria, to be nominated for the Diana Award (please read their website - [www.diana-award.org.uk](http://www.diana-award.org.uk)) which was set up in 1999 to act as a lasting legacy to Diana, Princess of Wales, who firmly believed that young people have the power to change the world for the better.

### Nominations

If you're looking to nominate a young person or group for a Rotary Young Citizen Award, then you've already decided that these young people are worthy of recognition; by nominating them, you are acknowledging their commitment to whatever effort they have made.

The Rotary Young Citizen Award has no set categories and therefore does not limit who can enter. Individual young people and groups of young people, aged less than 25 years, can be nominated by individual Rotary clubs. Clubs can make more than one nomination e.g. individual, groups of young people aged under 25. There is also a separate Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award and nominations for this need to be made using a separate form. The purpose of this award is to recognise and highlight the achievements and contribution as a positive role model to others of a wheelchair sports participant.

Please nominate any young people you know who, in your club's opinion, have made a difference locally, nationally or internationally and who deserve recognition of their personal achievements.

**The nomination deadline for the Rotary Young Citizens Award is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

### Public Relations

Clubs may wish to advise their YCA nominees that, should they be chosen as a winner, the BBC may be in contact to make a short film about their nomination.

The Rotary Public Relations team would also be in contact with the District Public Relations officer to ensure appropriate local and National PR coverage to celebrate the winners' achievements.

### 'Winners' Attendance at Conference and Prizes

A winners' representative is invited to the Rotary GBI Conference to receive their award.

The Rotary Home Committee (Youth) will assist with a grant to a maximum of £200 per winning nomination. Nominating Rotary clubs/districts should make their grant claim for reimbursement towards travel and accommodation expenses of the Young Citizens following Conference directly to the accounts department at The Rotary Support Centre within 14 days following conference.

Nominating clubs or districts may need to assist with other costs associated with winners' attendance, such as, accommodation, transportation to and from the event and any sustenance above the £200 Grant.

**The YCA winner(s) accommodation, transportation to and from Conference and any sustenance arrangements are the responsibility of the nominating club.**

### Working with Young People

Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, the vulnerable and those with disability. The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.

### Youth Competitions

This Young Citizen Award is one of five competitions organised by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland for young people. The others are: Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Photographer, Young Writer, Youth Speaks and the Technology Tournament. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities please contact your local Rotary club or use the following link: [Youth Competitions](#)

**IMPORTANT RESTRICTIONS TO NOTE:** Please note that nominations and supporting information sent electronically **MUST NOT EXCEED 15Mb per email sent**. Emails over this limit will not be received at the Support Centre. Alternative options are to send the nomination and supporting information across several emails or contact [Andy Smith](#), Rotary CDS Team, to organise a Dropbox facility.

All nominations received at the Support Centre will be acknowledged via email and listed on the Rotary GBI website as received. It is the responsibility of the nominating club/district to check that their nomination(s) has been received by the Support Centre and resolve any queries with [Andy Smith](#) **before** the closing date.

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### Individual Nomination Form

Please read the relevant guidelines for the award before completing the entry form clearly and if possible typed – please ensure that all details requested are complete. By completing and gaining consent on this form you agree you have read, understood the entry requirements.

**Name of Entrant:**

For group nominations please **only** use the Group Nomination form on page 4

**Entrant's Email address:**

**Entrants or Entrants Parent/Guardian/ Carer Telephone Number/s:**

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth**    /    /

The parent, guardian or carer of the above entrant if under 18 years of age has given permission for the named person to take part and be identified in the competition and for photographic/video records to be taken and used for Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary) publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats. In signing this form, the parent/guardian/carer allows permission for the nominee to be contacted by the Rotary Public Relations Officer and the District Public Relations Officer for public relations purposes. If this is not possible, please nominate another contact.

If the nominee is aged 18 or over, please sign this section of the form to confirm agreement to be contacted for the aforementioned purpose.

**Print name**

**Signature**

**Date**

(Parent/Guardian/Carer, please delete – Entrant )

**Nominating Rotary Club: \***

**Rotary District:**

**Contact Rotarian's name:**

**Address:**

**Postcode**

**Rotarian contact phone number (plus mobile):**

**Rotarian contact e-mail address:**

**Completed form must be returned by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and sent to:**

Andy Smith Rotary Administrator - Rotary Young Citizen Award, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 6PB.

e-mail [andy.smith@rotarygbi.org](mailto:andy.smith@rotarygbi.org)

**Please copy your District Youth Service Chairman into your entry.**

\*As the nominating Rotary club, please explain (briefly) on the continuity sheet why you have made, or are happy to endorse, this nomination. Please include any information on the nominated person/group which demonstrates evidence of 'good citizenship' related to this nomination. The nomination should be associated with a current project and should state how the young people are actively involved in the project and engaged in 'acts of citizenship'.

Please attach any photographs, newspaper articles etc that usefully support the nomination.

**Rotary will maintain future contact via email.**

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### Group Nomination Form

As a member of a group who is to receive a Rotary Young Citizen award it is necessary to have a completed information and permission form on file. Therefore, please read carefully and complete all details requested to ensure the group complies with the necessary Rotary Protection policy and Guidelines. Please complete clearly and if possible by typographic means.  
By completing and giving consent on this form you agree you have read and understood the entry requirements. This form should be returned to the address as indicated below.

**For A group nomination please give group name:**

*For Group Nomination if the Group is notified they are a finalist then details and permissions where applicable are required for each person who forms a part of the group. The Rotary Committee officer will contact the named Rotary club contact to gain such permission.*

**Name(s) of group leader(s) involved with nominated group.**

**Lead Group Contact Name:**

**Lead Group Contact Details:**

**Email Address:**

**Telephone Number/s:**

**Age:**

*If Under 18*

**Date of birth** / /

The named leader(s) will accept to gain individual permissions from the parent/guardian/carer of the above entrants if under 18 years of age but, on behalf of the group, has given permission for the named persons to take part and be identified in the competition and for photographic/video records to be taken and used for Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary) publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats. In signing this form, the parent/guardian/carer has agreed with the group leader to allow nominees to be contacted by the Rotary Public Relations Officer and the District Public Relations Officer for public relations purposes.

If this is not possible, please nominate another contact. If any nominee is aged 18 or over, they may sign the form to indicate agreement to be contacted for the aforementioned purpose.

**Print name**

**Signature**

**Date**

**Group Position / Title**

**Nominating Rotary Club: \***

**Rotary District:**

**Contact Rotarian's name:**

**Address:**

**Postcode**

**Rotarian contact phone number (plus mobile):**

**Rotarian contact e-mail address:**

**Completed Form must be returned by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and sent to:**

Andy Smith Rotary Administrator - Rotary Young Citizen Award, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 6PB. e-mail [andy.smith@rotarygbi.org](mailto:andy.smith@rotarygbi.org)

**Please copy your District Youth Service Chairman into your entry.**

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### NOMINATION FORM – continuity sheet

**Name of Nominee / Name of Group:** .....

Please give an outline as to why the nomination is made – if possible in a typed format

**Rotary will maintain future contact via email.**