



ROTARY YOUNG CITIZEN WHEELPOWER SPORTS AWARD 2018

The Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary GBI) 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 in Great Britain and Ireland President 2016/17 Eve Conway originally developed the idea and concept in 2007.

Rotary GBI has partnered with WheelPower, the UK wheelchair sports charity, to create the Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award 2018, sponsored by WheelPower. The purpose of the award is to recognise and highlight the achievements and contribution as a positive role model to others by a wheelchair sports participant or group.

The award is internally managed by the Rotary Home Committee with one Rotarian working as the responsible liaison for club contact. The Rotarian with responsibility in 2017/18 is Eve Conway who can be contacted at youngcitizen@rotarygbi.org.

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

An individual or group can be nominated for the award.

Criteria for nomination for the Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award 2018 are as follows:

1. The individual or group nominated must have made a positive social impact on a community through action and be a positive role model for others.
2. Must be able to demonstrate the importance of sport in transforming their life.
3. The nominee must have shown a determination, dedication and commitment in their chosen sport.
4. Athletes in receipt of UK Sport podium level funding are not eligible for this award.

Nominations can be submitted by Rotary clubs, wheelchair sports associations or spinal rehabilitation centres.

The winner of the Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Award will receive a trophy, a certificate and a prize of £500 to be donated to a charity or project with which the winners are involved. The award will be presented at the Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Annual Conference being held in Torquay on Saturday, 7th April, 2018. Awardees will need to supply information detailing which charity or good cause their prize cheque should be made out to, 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, wheelchair sports association or spinal rehabilitation centre 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 and demonstrate the importance of wheelchair sport in their lives.

Every nomination will receive a personalised certificate from Rotary (signed by the Rotary GBI President) and the CEO of WheelPower which will recognise the achievement which has led to nomination. The local Rotary club, wheelchair sports association or spinal rehabilitation centre is responsible for submitting nominations to the organisers by the date indicated.

All entries will be reviewed and a short list will be 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, wheelchair sports association or spinal rehabilitation centre.

More information can be found on the [Rotary GBI website](http://www.rotarygbi.org), under the Youth Competitions pages: www.rotarygbi.org/what-we-do/youth-competitions and on the WheelPower website at www.wheelpower.org.uk

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) 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 WheelPower Sports 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.

Individual young people and groups of young people, aged less than 25 years, can be nominated by individual Rotary clubs, wheelchair sports associations or spinal rehabilitation centre who can make more than one nomination e.g. individual, groups of young people aged under 25.

The nomination deadline for the Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award is Friday 26th January 2018.

Public Relations

Rotary clubs, wheelchair sports associations or spinal rehabilitation centres should advise their Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award nominees that, should they be chosen as a winner, the BBC may be in contact to make a short film about them.

The Rotary GBI Public Relations team would also be in contact with the District Public Relations officer, wheelchair sports association or spinal rehabilitation centre 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 International Great Britain and Ireland Conference to receive their award.

WheelPower will assist with a grant to a maximum of £200 per winning nomination. Claims for reimbursement towards travel and accommodation expenses of the winners should be sent to the accounts department at WheelPower with an expenses claim form and relevant receipts within 14 days following Conference.

Nominating clubs or districts, wheelchair sports associations or spinal rehabilitation centres will 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 Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports Award winner(s) accommodation, transportation to and from Conference and any sustenance arrangements are the responsibility of the nominating Rotary club or nominating district, wheelchair sports association or spinal rehabilitation centre.

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 Rotary 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 Rotary Support Centre will be acknowledged via email and listed on the Rotary website as received. It is the responsibility of the nominating club/district, wheelchair sports association or spinal rehabilitation centre 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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Group Nomination Form

As a member of a group who is to receive a Rotary Young Citizen WheelPower Sports 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 nominee 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, wheelchair sports association or spinal rehabilitation centre: *

Rotary District (if Rotary club nomination):

Nominator's Contact name:

Address:

Postcode

Contact phone number (plus mobile):

Contact e-mail address:

Completed Form must be returned by 26th January 2018 and sent to:

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

e-mail andy.smith@rotarygbi.org

For Rotary clubs/districts, Please copy your District Youth Service Chairman into your entry.

*As the nominating Rotary club, wheelchair sports association or spinal rehabilitation centre, 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'.

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

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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.