



Know a great volunteer?



Category information and criteria

There are 8 awards categories in the 2010 National Awards. Individuals, teams of young people and support workers can be nominated for an award.

If you are **nominating a young volunteer** (as a team member or individual) you must be able to answer **YES** to the three questions below:

1. Are they between 16 and 25 on 30th September 2010?
2. Has their volunteering been taking place in England?
3. Have they been volunteering since August 2009?

If you are nominating a **support worker** you must be able to answer **YES** to the three questions below:

1. Do they work for a non for profit organisation?
2. Have they been supporting young volunteers and volunteering in England?
3. Have they been working with young volunteers since August 2009?

If you could answer yes to the questions above the person or team you want to nominate is eligible. However they may not be eligible for every award category. To see who you can nominate for which award please look at the table on the next page:



Who are you nominating?	Which awards can you nominate them for?	Which awards can you not nominate them for?
A young volunteer	Spirit Award Fresh Award Connect Award Shout Award Legend Award Triumph Award	Unite Award Energy Award
A team of young volunteers	Unite Award Shout Award Spirit Award Connect Award Triumph Award	Fresh Award Energy Award Legend Award
A support worker	Energy Award	Spirit Award Fresh Award Connect Award Shout Award Legend Award Triumph Award Unite Award



Now you know which award you can nominate someone for please read the description for each of them given below. Nominations will be judged on how well the individual or team meets the descriptions given here.

The Fresh Award for best new volunteer

Do you know someone who is new to volunteering? Have they shown immediate commitment and achieved loads for a community in short space of time? Built positive relationships and hit the ground running? Are they out to change the world (or their neighbourhood at least!)?

- **Has not volunteered before 1st July 2009 - they're completely new to volunteering**
- **Used their enthusiasm to achieve positive things in a community in a short space of time**
- **Stands out over other new volunteers**

The Spirit Award for all round commitment to volunteering; embodying the spirit of volunteering

Do you know someone who is enthusiastic, full of ideas, makes things happen and makes anything seem possible? Have they made a positive contribution to everything they have been involved in? Are they 100% committed to volunteering and ready to chew your ear off about how great it is?

- **Has made a positive contribution to volunteering through their ongoing dedication**
- **Through their outstanding commitment and passion has changed a community for the better**
- **Stands out over other volunteers**

The Connect Award to recognise innovative and effective efforts to bring communities together

Do you know someone who has transformed a community? Have they brought people from different backgrounds together? Have they come up with an exciting idea or event that has improved relationships in a community?

- **Have come up with exciting ideas to communicate with and bring different groups of people together.**
- **Has used their powers of persuasion to improve relationships and understanding between different groups of people**
- **Stands out over other volunteers who connect communities**

The Legend Award for outstanding leadership

Do you know someone who has taken on the role of leader but not in a scary, waggy finger kind of way and have been great at it? Are they the type of person who has built strong relationships and makes you want to get involved? Are they understanding and supportive? Have they used their skills to lead a team to success?

- **Has used their skills to lead on a volunteering project so that a team of volunteers has made a difference**
- **Has been a role model for other young volunteers and the community and inspired others to get involved**
- **Stands out over other volunteer leaders**

The Shout Award for campaigning

Do you know someone who is passionate about an issue? Have they been blogging, facebooking, petitioning, marching, rallying or using their energy in other ways to raise awareness or funds and get people involved? Has their campaign made a real difference to people, animals or the planet?

- **Has used their energy and their voice to raise awareness about an issue and get others involved**
- **Through a range of creative and impactful campaigning activities has made an impact**
- **Stands out over other campaigners**

The Unite Award for team activity

Do you know a dynamic and inspiring team or group of volunteers? Working together, do they share ideas and skills, learn from and support each other? What amazing things have they achieved collectively, that could not have been done alone?

- **Have worked together and supported each other, using a range of different skills and abilities to create positive change**
- **Have effectively come together as a team to make a real and lasting impact that they could not have realised on their own**
- **Stand out over other teams**

The Triumph Award for overcoming personal adversity or enabling an organization/ community to rise above challenging circumstances.

Do you know someone who has faced challenges and overcome them? Someone who carries on even when things seem impossible? They are a real trooper and never give up. They overcome barriers to inspire others and bring about positive change for a community or organisation

- **Has shown determination and creativity to successfully overcome barriers**
- **Has been an inspiration to others in challenging circumstances/communities**
- **Stands out over other volunteers in challenging circumstances**

The Energy Award for outstanding contribution to youth volunteering

Do you know a great youth worker? Someone who ignites a passion for volunteering? Providing energy and enthusiasm, they offer support without being in your face. They are the undercover talent spotters in your community – who go the extra mile to help young people have the best experience, doing the most amazing volunteering!

- **By demonstrating outstanding support for and commitment to young people, they have helped to turn young people's volunteering ideas or projects into action**
- **Supported young volunteers to develop skills and help them progress**
- **Stands out over other youth support workers**