

Community Award Scheme Guidance



The aim of the scheme

The 'Community Champion' award aims to recognise an individual who has committed significantly to their local community.

The 'Young hero' award aims to recognise a young person who has committed significantly to their local community. This award is for ages 15 years and younger.

Who can be nominated?

Anyone who thinks merits an award for having made a significant contribution to their local community. The individual must live within the City (nominators / seconders can live outside of the City).

The nomination process

Nominations are reviewed annually. Please complete and return the application form to democraticservices@douglas.gov.im.

Following the closing date for nominations, a panel, consisting of the Mayor, one other Council Member and one independent person (appointed by the Mayor) will review and select a winner for both the Community Champion and Young Hero awards.

Applicants can expect to be contacted in November regarding the outcome of the panel's decision, with the award presented taking place in the Mayor's Parlour.

The criteria

There is no pre-determined criteria on what a 'significant contribution to the local community' might be. However, a significant contribution could be any or all of the following;

- Long and sustained service to the local community or part of it over a period of time (normally years however, it will not exclude members of the public that have made significant short term commitments)
- Achievements / actions that are of an inspiring nature to the local community
- Activities that have benefited the City or its people

When making its decision, the judging panel will take into account the level of commitment shown by the individual; any obstacles that they have had to overcome and the number of people that the commitment has benefitted.

