

The Charity Staff & Volunteers Awards 2013

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A Very Warm Welcome
To the Charity Staff & Volunteers Awards 2013
Presented by the Charity Staff Foundation

These awards are to recognise the endeavours of individual charity staff and volunteers – the unsung heroes of the sector who go above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the work of their charity and the people that they serve. All finalists tonight have been nominated by their colleagues, funders or beneficiaries and have been shortlisted out of hundreds of nominations from across the UK and from across the voluntary sector.

We are very proud to present these unique awards – they demonstrate the wide range of fantastic initiatives undertaken by the sector, the contributions we jointly make to societal challenges and the real need for us to continue working towards positive social change.

The Charity Staff Foundation supports both staff and volunteers through training, advocacy and mentoring. We aim to help make the voluntary sector an even better place to work as well as provide access to long-term charity careers for young people, who may not otherwise pursue a charity role. We also want to ensure those who work and volunteer have access to a support structure when facing difficult times.

These annual awards gives the charity sector a unique opportunity to come together and celebrate all the good work that goes on by individuals, highlighting special achievements, congratulating good practice and recognising great dedication.

Your host this evening is Bill Bruty



A fundraising trainer since 1992, Bill is recognised as one of the most experienced and knowledgeable fundraisers in the UK, especially in fundraising from charitable trusts, companies and government bodies. He has been a senior manager or Director of Marketing for four national charities: Scope, The Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), Children's Aid Direct and FARM-Africa.

In 1998, Bill established his own fundraising consultancy and out of this, Fundraising Training Ltd was created in 2002. Its specialist courses have given a first step in fundraising to hundreds of people and many have become senior fundraising managers. Bill also advises funders on how to select and support their charity partners; including Pepsico, the MAN Group Charitable Trust and Porticus UK. Bill is a Fellow of the Institute of Fundraising.

Awards and Finalists

1. Trustee of the Year – Charity Trustees are those people with ultimate responsibility for the charity and who contribute their expertise. The role is unpaid, though many Trustees do the equivalent hours of a full-time job. They are the primary Ambassadors of the sector.

Finalists:



Richard Raworth
Arthritis Research UK
Richard has provided exceptional commitment and dedication to the charity over a number of years and supported a major cultural change in management.



Liz Felton
Helplines Association
For creating a merger with Mental Health Helplines Partnership to form the major body within the helpline sector and ensuring the future for both charities.



Vinnie Kochhar
Chair, Asian MS
Chair of Asian MS since 2009, Vinnie has made great strides in raising awareness about MS in different communities and bridging cultural gaps.

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2. Campaigner of the Year – Campaigning and lobbying Government is a vital method of achieving change; it ensures those on the edge of society have a public voice and their cause is heard by the public. This award recognises those who have made a particularly outstanding contribution throughout the year.

Finalists:



Lol Butterfield
Mind / Time to Change
For all the campaigning work he has done on behalf of Time to Change and ensuring that the soap Emmerdale had a good portrayal of mental health on screen.



Glyn Morris
NAS Scotland
For changing the way the Theatre industry sees Autism, leading to a UK wide theatre group producing its first 'autism friendly' production of the Lion King.



Andrew Langford
British Liver Trust
For the successful Love Your Liver campaign that raises awareness about liver health and offers screening to assist in early diagnosis of the UK's fifth biggest killer.

Presented by: **Bharat Mehta OBE, CEO, Trust for London**

3. Charity Leader of the Year – this award is open to nominations for Chief Executives and Directors or those special individuals who inspire others in charity to achieve its mission and values. This category was one of the most hotly contested.

Finalists:



Sarah Davies
CEO, Futureversity

For transforming a small charity to Futureversity, which now works with thousands of young people every year across London. Her nominator wished to recognise her outstanding achievements growing and sustaining the charity.



Mike Miller-Smith
CEO & Founder Aerobility

Mike founded Aerobility in 1993 - a charity offering disabled people the chance to fly a plane. Every year, many disabled people are able to boost their confidence through this fantastic and unique opportunity.



Nicola Peachy
Arthritis Research UK

Nicola combines strong people skills with a highly logical mind-set which has enabled the charity to grow significantly over the last two years. She brings huge insight to Arthritis Research UK and is a highly valued colleague.

Presented by: **Debra Allcock Tyler, CEO, Directory of Social Change**

4. Office Volunteer of the Year – Volunteers are, of course, the backbone of the Voluntary Sector and contribute tens of millions of unpaid hours each year as a combined workforce. Office volunteers in particular are the unsung heroes, adding vital capacity to frontline teams, allowing them to focus and prioritise resources.

Finalists:



Vicky Cartwright
Depaul UK

For mentoring and motivating others to get back into work while simultaneously studying to become a qualified youth worker.



Geoff Plowman
Hearing Dogs

For dedicating his specialist skills in teaching and training for the benefit of the charity – always without thinking of himself.



Jackie Hunt
Child Bereavement UK

For her compassion and respect in monitoring the Parents Online community, supporting parents 365 days a year ensuring the forum provides a safe environment.

Presented by:

Andrew Holt, Editor, Charity Times

5. Community Volunteer of the Year – from supporting events to acting as advocates and visiting the sick, community volunteers are the ethos of the sector making a real difference to those in need. This category received the most nominations and it was incredibly challenging selecting our finalists out of the dozens of excellent nominees.

Finalists:



Bob Fletcher
Zoe's Place Hospice

For being the superhero of the charity – including taking part in sponsored abseils, always doing what he can - a man for whom the phrase “Sorry I can’t” doesn’t exist.



Jade Finnegan
Action for Blind People

For overcoming her own difficulties to support others, selflessly contributing her own time and efforts to raise money and inspire others.



Pauline Armitage
St Francis Hospice

For volunteering 50 hours a week and keeping the soul of the office together through supporting fundraising, account management and magazine mailing.

Presented by: **Ashfa Slater, Director, Department of Health Volunteering Fund**

6. Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year – Many kinds of fundraising are undertaken by volunteers – street collections, challenge events and community activities to name but a few. This award recognises those who have made a special contribution to their charities fundraising efforts.

Finalists:



Gareth Marr
The MS Society

For organising three successful gala balls not only raising significant sums of money but also raising the profile of the charity in Scotland.



Jodie Vasquez
Sick Children's Trust

For her tremendous courage and will to raise funds for the Sick Children's Trust, overcoming her own serious illness to tackle seismic fundraising challenges.



Penny Parker
Guide Dogs for the Blind

For being the life blood of Guide Dogs for the Blind in Suffolk – making a real difference to blind and partially sighted people in the area.

Presented by: **John Bothamley CBE, Chair, Four Acre Trust**

7. Care Service Provider of the Year – Care Provision from the sector contributes over one third of total social care provision in the UK. From providing information, to one to one counselling, telephone support and delivering clinical services, these finalists offer vital services to a wide range of marginalised, disadvantaged or elderly groups.

Finalists:



**Jackie Stephenson
Jewish Care**

For always seeing bridges not barriers in her tireless efforts to improve the lives of the residents of a care home for elderly Jewish people.

**Angela Painter
Kenward Trust**

For her unfailing passion and commitment to those supported in the areas of Recovery, Resettlement, and Reintegration.

**Rudi Richardson
Streetlytes**

For having the vision and determination to establish Streetlytes, serving the needs of homeless people in London.

Presented by: **Rohini Finch, Trustee, Generations Charitable Trust**

8. Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Year – Volunteer Co-ordinators support and develop their volunteer workforce. It can be a diverse role; running intern programmes, buddying schemes or just being at the end of a phone when the day has not gone so well! This award supports these vital lynchpins that stand behind our volunteers.

Finalists:



**Siobhan Merrygold
Rays of Sunshine**

For her unwavering support of the charity's volunteers and ambassadors and involving them in the work of Rays, granting wishes for seriously ill children.

**Mark O'Sullivan
Age UK Isle of Wight**

For being instrumental in developing the Good Neighbour Scheme which recruits and supports volunteers who provide vital assistance to older people.

**Haleema Aslam
Action for Blind People**

For her dedication and drive to ensure the success of the charity's BAME project – inspiring and motivating others to support the service.

Presented by: **Paul Hackwood, Chair, The Church Urban Fund**

9. Charity Support Function hero – Ever think about those behind the scenes? The guys, who run the IT, pay the bills and recruit the charity staff – this award gives recognition to those often not in the limelight but without whom the charity could not function.

Finalists:



**Andrew Morrison
Kidscape**

Known as Kidscape's IT hero. Andrew retired from Kidscape in 2011 but since then has not stopped making himself available to help with IT breakdowns and IT support.



**Claire Wilkinson
Cedarwood Trust**

For her dedication to the work of the Trust, particularly in times when the Trust was in danger of closing due to lack of funding.



TimeandTalents

**Devon Goodrich
Time and Talent Association**

For going beyond the call of duty in his role as Premises Officer - He maintains and ensures the centre is 100% presentable to service users at all times.

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10. Professional Fundraiser of the Year – Perhaps an award that needs no explanation, but definitely recognition, especially in these tough economic times. Fundraising is now recognised as a highly skilled profession covering a range of disciplines. This award is open to any employed fundraiser – from Community to Corporate and from Events to Appeals.

Finalists:



**Clare Lemon
Contact a Family**

For diversifying and significantly growing the charity's income and enabling the charity to support even more families with disabled children.



**Joseph Dublin
Dover Volunteer Centre**

For utilising his many years of fundraising experience to substantially increase his charity's level of income in 2012 and managing the charity operations function.



**Chris Conroy
Choysez**

For refusing to give in and constantly fighting to get the funding for the young people. Put simply, Choysez would not exist without him.

Presented by: **David Saint, Chair, Action Planning**

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11. Small Charity Champion – There are approximately 180,000 charitable organisations within the sector – the majority of which survive on dedication, passion and commitment. This award recognises the ‘David’s’ of the sector, facing the Goliath’s of a tough economy, increasing competition and constant change.

Finalists:



Caroline Strange
Junior Aces Wheelchair Basketball
For establishing a making a great success of this truly terrific organisation, giving zest and purpose to disabled young people.



Junior Smart
St Giles Trust
For his work on the successful SOS Project for St Giles Trust – working with a team of ex-offenders who attempt to deglamourise and demystify gang membership and crime.



Julie Cordon
Brainbox
For being the inspiration behind BRAINBOX in North East England, providing wide-ranging services to children with Acquired Traumatic Brain Injuries and their families.

Presented by:

Dame Denise Platt DBE, Trustee, Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales

12. Social Entrepreneur of the Year – With the advent of social media and falling incomes, charities have had to become more entrepreneurial to keep a step ahead. This award recognises those who have risen to the challenge in the name of their organisation.

Finalists:



Theo Spyrou
The Helplines Partnership
For organisational growth in a period of economic downturn, through creating development opportunities for all existing staff.



Kevin Matthews
Fitness for your Future
For being instrumental in setting up a new programme of physical activity to engage school children.



Tracy Smith
Diabetes UK
For volunteering her time, commercial expertise and her experience of diabetes to help support a voluntary group which assists people with the condition.

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13. Charity Innovator of the Year – This award recognises and celebrates individuals who achieved significant change within and for their organisation through the use innovation.

Finalists:



Michelle Saliba da Costa
Ataxia UK

For inspiring and creating a selection of truly wonderful videos to generate greater awareness and income for the charity.



Geoff Wheeler
SIFA Fireside

For establishing and ensuring the success of a health and wellbeing group to help service users make more positive lifestyle choices.



Rory Fenton
British Humanist Association

For his great work with faith and community groups from across the UK to encourage wider representation in forums.

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14. Natural or Cultural Heritage Champion - This award is in recognition of those charity staff and volunteers who safeguard and ensure access to our arts, the environment, museums, natural habitats and historic architecture.

Finalists:



Ian Wilson
Hoffman Foundation

For his work with vulnerable adults, teaching them art appreciation and imparting his artistic skills, allowing them to exhibit and sell their work.



John Burton
World Land Trust

In recognition of 40 years' work in conservation. In 2012, John helped the World Land Trust achieve their biggest land purchase of rainforest ever in Argentina.



Ena Ferguson
Ouseburn Farm Charity

For inspiring young and old to care for and respect the environment through a whole range of awareness and fundraising activities

Presented by: **Richard Williams, Director of Enterprise & Development, NCVO**

15. Funder of the Year – Many funders also support their grantees through advice and adding capacity and flexibility. This is an award to recognise the sector’s appreciation to funders who go the extra mile to understand and support their beneficiaries.

Finalists:



**Dame Maureen Thomas DBE
The Hilton Foundation**
For being the longest serving member of the Board of Trustees and for her dedication to helping young people have a brighter future.

**J Metcalfe & S Beecham
Pret Foundation Trust**
Joint finalists, having set up The Pret Foundation Trust in 1995. Their aim is to alleviate poverty in the UK, focusing on the homeless.

**John Porter
Philanthropist**
John is a great benefactor to the sector and has supported a wide range of causes. His investments have helped transform organisations.

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16. International Aid Courage Award – Working in the International Development Sector brings with it a set of inherent challenges. Often working within war zones, remote and risky parts of the world or amid natural disasters, these workers deserve special recognition.

Finalists:



**Hazel Armstrong
ACWW**
For her endeavours to support ACWW’s international aid projects in remote countries – as a volunteer.



**Deborah Grossman
Misión México**
For working tirelessly to have Misión México established and registered in the UK to support Mexico’s most vulnerable children.



**Stuart Palmer
Cure International**
For his dedication to working in a risky part of the world to transform the lives of children and adults with poor access to healthcare.

Presented by: **Tony Scawthorn, Chair, Liberum Foundation**

17. Corporate or Public Sector Champion - All sectors work at their best when they work in partnership across society. This award recognises our corporate and public sector partners who support charities and share equal commitment in solving society's challenges.

Finalists:



Peter Rees
Worshipful Company of Marketors
For coordinating several hundred thousand pounds worth of pro bono marketing support to a variety of charities.



Adrian Smith
Unique improvements
For his impressive work directing a cancer awareness programme in one of the most deprived areas of England.



Eimear Murphy
Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
For her commitment to Facing the World – working to ensure children in developing countries can enjoy full lives without the stigma of facial disfigurement.

Presented by: **Jon Moulton, Chair, J P Moulton Charitable Foundation**

18. Dedicated Long Service Award – this award recognises volunteers or staff that have made a long-term commitment to their cause and made a tremendous positive impact.

Finalists:



Jenty Burrill
The Brooke
For 15 years volunteering with the Brooke in a variety of roles meeting the needs of the charity. She has been an invaluable asset to the charity, assisting most teams in both routine and complex work.



Ron Booth
My Sight Nottingham
Ron has volunteered for 49 years with the charity; a prominent local historian, he has written numerous books, the profits of which were donated to My Sight.



Peter Beiliaskas
St Mary's Hospice
For completing 25 years volunteering in July 2012, dedicating full-time hours every week to his charity shop - ensuring it could continue without paid staff.

Presented by: **Sonal Shah, CEO, London Community Foundation**

19. Young Person's Achievement Award – Our youth do not always receive the recognition they deserve. We received many nominations for the outstanding work being undertaken by young people – this is our way of saying thank you.

Finalists:



Logan McKerrow

Hearing Dogs

Six-year-old Logan has raised £28,000 through his own initiative, selling his 'Olympic Torch' which he made at school, to raise money for Hearing Dogs.



Hannah Phillips

Ray of Sunshine

Hannah is a dedicated supporter of Rays of Sunshine charity. Hannah raises money so as more children can be granted their wishes, such as a holiday.



Keata Wilby

Leah Wilby Foundation

For the great support she has given to her sister's memorial charity, ensuring it is a success. She dedicates all her spare time to fundraising and event organising.

Presented by: **Barbara Ward, Founder, Barbara Ward Children's Foundation**

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20. Lifetime Achievement Award – A special award for the individual who has dedicated their entire career to the sector and in recognition of their outstanding contribution.

Finalists:



Alison Cobb

Mind

Alison has worked tirelessly in the field of mental health for 30 years. Recognised as a pre-eminent policy expert, her commitment and passion has helped improve the lives of countless people with mental health problems.



Ruth Fluin-Hardy

Nordoff Robbins

For 25 years at Nordoff Robbins. During this time charity's income and the number of music therapy sessions delivered each year increased dramatically. "We could not have done this without Ruth."



Mohammed Saddique

Victim Support

Mohammed has volunteered for Victim Support for over 35 years. He has headed up volunteer meetings to help other volunteers understand more about the Muslim culture and directly helped hundreds of victims.

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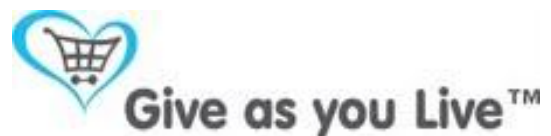
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