




# CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE AWARDS

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I'm very glad to pay my personal salute to young people. Don't ever let go of these qualities: your generosity, your compassion, and your capacity for forgiveness. Those are the things that really make human living worthwhile. And you've got them you've expressed them. You're deepening your understanding of those things in action. Thank you for displaying them in the way that you do.

HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols  
Archbishop of Westminster,  
speaking at the 2015  
Awards

**The Celebrating Young People Awards honour the achievements of those truly remarkable young people who make our communities and our world a better place.**

Nominated by friends and family, teachers and clergy, award recipients are drawn from throughout England and Wales and reflect achievements in every area of social action.

Their achievements will be an inspiration for us all. They will show us all how ordinary young people can do the most extraordinary things. Last year recipients included young carers, a class of climate change bloggers, an eighteen year old bringing her community together, a student challenging bullying and a volunteer sports coach.

Our award recipients come from public nominations, and are whittled down to a shortlist in each category. Our judging panels, made up of celebrated figures, choose those who will be publicly honoured at a glittering ceremony in central London in the Autumn.

Nominees can be aged 11 to 25, from anywhere in England and Wales, and they should be doing something extraordinary. The awards are run by Million Minutes, in partnership with St Mary's University, Twickenham.

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# Awards

## THE JIMMY MIZEN AWARD

**Promoting solidarity and peace:** To recognise young people who have shown a firm and persevering commitment to the common good or peacemaking.

## THE CARDINAL HUME AWARD

**Living out the option for the poor:** To recognise young people who helped others turn lives around.

## THE JOSEPH CARDIJN AWARD

**Protecting the dignity of workers:** To recognise young people who have stood up for the rights of workers, helped people into work, or shown leadership among their colleagues.

## THE DOROTHY DAY AWARD

**Fostering community and participation:** To recognise young people who have engaged with those around them, making their community a better place for all.

## THE BARBARA WARD AWARD

**Caring for the environment:** To recognise young people who have conserved, enhanced or protected creation.

## THE ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA AWARD

**Celebrating human dignity:** To recognise young people who have enabled others to live a life of dignity

Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.  
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 13



## THE POPE FRANCIS AWARD

The Pope Francis Award will be selected from all the nominations and presented by Archbishop Malcolm.

## THE CYMFED AWARD

**Inspiring youth leader:** To recognise a truly inspiring adult youth worker or youth minister. Can be a volunteer worker/minister working in any setting.

"We are so happy that Jimmy's name will be used for one of these awards, inspiring peace in the lives of young people"

Margaret Mizen, For Jimmy, Pictured with husband Barry and son George



It is a delight to be associated with [these] awards... where young people are celebrated for their commitment to community engagement, to building up social cohesion and for showing solidarity. It truly is inspirational and an example to those of us who are older.

Francis Campbell, Pro Vice Chancellor, St Mary's University Pictured with Ryan O'Neil, recipient of the Pope Francis Award, 2015



## QUICK GUIDE TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

*Catholic social teaching lies at the heart of the Celebrating Young People Awards. The awards will celebrate young people across England and Wales who are putting these principles into practice.*

**The dignity and equality of each human person:** Every human being is lovingly and beautifully made in God's image and likeness.

**The call to participation and community:** Human beings exist in relation to one another. All of us are called to participate, to join in, to work for the common good of all.

**A preferential option for the poor:** Caring for those living in poverty, supporting their voice to be heard and enabling them to play a full, active role in society.

### **The dignity and rights of workers:**

The right to work, to have a job, to earn money and so support your family are all connected to the dignity of each individual.

### **Solidarity among peoples and the promotion of peace:**

We are called to live honestly with one another, working together in love for the good of all. This is what will lead to true peace.

### **Care for the earth:**

God created the earth. Often, the way we treat creation leads to the harm both of it, and of those living on it. We need to treat the earth with respect.

### **What is Million Minutes?**

Million Minutes helps young people to transform their lives and the lives of others.

Activity resources to help young people reflect and make nominations are available at [millionminutes.org/awards](http://millionminutes.org/awards)

# Nomination Form

Individual young people and groups are eligible for nomination

Who is your young unsung hero or heroine? Or maybe a group worth singling out? Who do you know who deserves to be recognised with a *Celebrating Young People Award*? This is a chance to honour young people, or an inspiring youth leader, whom we might not otherwise notice.

**All nominations must be received by 13 October 2017 to be considered for the 2017 awards ceremony.**

## HOW TO NOMINATE

1. Choose the category for which you want to nominate your young person (or youth leader).
2. Complete all the questions. We may contact you if we need more information.
3. Please make sure all the information about yourself and your nominee is included on all separate pieces of supporting information.
4. **Complete your nomination online at [millionminutes.org/awards](http://millionminutes.org/awards) or post it to:** CYP Awards, Million Minutes, 604a Commercial Road, London, E14 7HS

## NOMINEE DETAILS

Name of young person/group or youth leader: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are nominating a group (of up to four young people), please give the name of the group and include the individual names on a separate sheet (NB. max of four young people in a group)

Date of birth of Nominee: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (Young people aged 11-25 on 23 November 2017 are eligible for the awards. If you are nominating a group please indicate ages with your list of names)

Name of school/parish/organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If your nominee is shortlisted you will need to seek their consent for the nomination (if over 18) or the parent/guardian's consent (if under 18). You will also need to provide further information about your nominee including their contact details.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

What Award Category are you nominating the person or group for?  
(Please select only one category. All eligible young people will automatically be considered for the Pope Francis Award)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Jimmy Mizen Award:</b><br>Promoting solidarity and peace        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Barbara Ward Award:</b><br>Caring for the environment        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Cardinal Hume Award:</b><br>Living out the option for the poor  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The St Josephine Bakhita Award:</b><br>Celebrating human dignity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Joseph Cardijn Award:</b><br>Protecting the dignity of workers  | Or for a youth worker/youth minister   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Dorothy Day Award:</b><br>Fostering community and participation | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The CYMFed Award:</b><br>Inspiring youth leader                  |

(The judging panel reserve the right to consider nominations in a different category)

**Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet and complete the details over the page.**

Please refer to the guidance notes for each award at [millionminutes.org/awards](http://millionminutes.org/awards). Please ensure you provide enough information in the first two answers that can be used during the awards ceremony and in follow up media to explain why the person or group was nominated.

**1. Why are you nominating the young person(s)/youth leader for this award?** (Please use no more than 300 words)

**2. How has the young person(s)/youth leader acted on their own initiative, and how have they been supported by others?** (Please use no more than 150 words)

**3. What would receiving a CYP Award mean to them?** (Please use no more than 150 words)

**Optional:** Please only answer question 4 if you would like to provide any information that will not be used publically. The judging panel will take it into account in the shortlisting.

**4. Is there any further information that you would like to share about your nominee, which will remain confidential within the panels?**

Please refer to the guidance notes, which have lots of hints on what the panels are looking for.

## NOMINATOR DETAILS

As the nominator, you will be our primary point of contact if we need any further information about the nominee, so please ensure direct contact details are included. We'll keep in contact with you about the nomination and the shortlisting process.

Name of person making nomination:

Please tell us if you are part of a parish, school or organisation:

Address:

Please use parish/school address if applicable

Postcode:

Email:

Tel No:

How do you know the person or group you are nominating?

If we need more information we will contact the nominator via telephone or email so please ensure direct contact details are noted. Million Minutes will not share your information with other organisations other than St Mary's University Twickenham who may contact you over the coming year. If you are under 18, please make sure you have your parent or guardian's permission. We may use information you provide for feature content with our media partners. The judges' criteria is published at [millionminutes.org](http://millionminutes.org) and their decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into. Nominees should be available on 23 November 2017 for the award ceremony in central London.

If submitting by post please ensure you have enclosed each of the following:

- This entry form
- Your answers to the three questions above. This should be typewritten. Please submit a maximum of 300 words for question 1 and 150 for question 2. Please keep question 3 as brief as possible. The judges and brief answers for the remaining two. Please make sure that the name of the nominee / group and the award category is included on any separate sheet.



**'You are inspiring other young people, but you are also inspiring older people like me, sometimes people say 'the youth of today' and shake their heads. But actually, the youth of today are wonderful. It's quite extraordinary the energy and love that you have all put into your action and what you have given to your local communities.'**

Baroness Sheila Hollins, Host of the Awards, (pictured with award recipients)

**Award Recipients** - The first six awards for young people will each have a short list and several recipients chosen by separate judging panels. These panels will also nominate individuals or groups for the Pope Francis Award to be presented by Archbishop Malcolm. A panel will select the recipient for the CYMFed Youth Leader Award.

Award recipients will be offered the opportunity to develop their own ideas of how to live Catholic Social teaching, with the chance for training, resources and ongoing mentoring from youth and social action organisations from within the Catholic community.



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