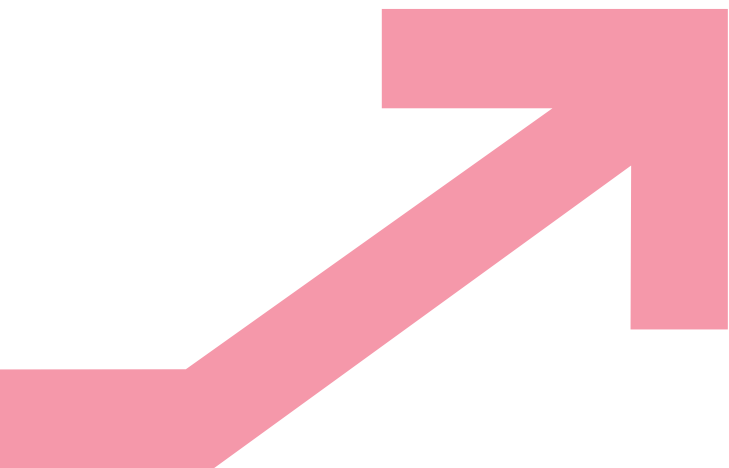




YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

- ▶ ARTS
- ▶ COMMUNITY
- ▶ ENVIRONMENT
- ▶ SPORT





THE ASK

The Young Achievers Trust recognise the power and importance that organisations have when working daily with young people. We want you to join our nominator network and use your contacts to unearth some incredible young people.

We want to recognise the fantastic work these young people do, but also the support that you and your organisation give to helping young people achieve and excel their potential.

We want to make sure that young volunteers, activists and social entrepreneurs receive the recognition that they deserve. You can help us by promoting the Young Achievers Awards throughout your networks.

FIVE WAYS YOU CAN HELP US

- ▶ Have a link to our website
www.youngachievers.co.uk
- ▶ E-mail our e-flyer to your network
- ▶ Send our postcard reminders to your networks
- ▶ Publish our press releases on your website
- ▶ Run articles on the Young Achievers Awards in your publications

If you want marketing materials, press releases or more information please contact **020 7250 5700** or fiona.jamieson@youthnet.org

Nomination forms can be filled in online or downloaded from our website [www.youngachievers.co.uk]



THE IMPORTANCE

The Young Achievers Trust believes that the most successful way to inspire young volunteers, campaigners and social entrepreneurs is through action based volunteering.

We believe in putting young people at the heart of our organisation and supporting those around us to harness creativity and energy.

Here are just a few examples of the power of the Young Achievers Awards in inspiring young people to take control of their surroundings and bring about real change:

MOHAMMED MAMDANI
Whitbread Community Achiever Winner 2004

Mohammed received his award for the work he did in setting up the Muslim Youth Helpline as a confidential counselling and support service for young Muslims. He has now left the helpline, which continues to flourish and has set up Ansar Youth Project, an innovative, pilot model of faith and culturally sensitive youth-work. With a membership of over 400 young people Mohammed is now looking to expand the pilot project to other parts of the UK.

KATHERINE BLAKER
Whitbread Voluntary Action Winner 1999

Katherine set up the first STAR (Student Action for Refugees) group at the University of Hull in 1999 receiving a Whitbread Award as recognition of her work engaging student volunteers in supporting newly arrived refugees across the city. She is committed to supporting high impact young people-led advocacy and in her current role as Chief Executive at STAR, seeks to ensure young people with a refugee experience have access to such opportunities.

Over 7 years on, Katherine maintains contact with a number of fellow Award recipients.

Receiving a Young Achievers Award, or even just being highly commended will give a young person the inspiration and impetus as well as exciting opportunities for personal and project development which would otherwise be out of reach for many young people.

The contacts I made after winning the Whitbread award have been invaluable in advancing and expanding the work of Muslim Youth Helpline. Their personal advice of mentors I received inspired and motivated me to achieve more in the development of young people's services in the community.

It was fab to meet other young people who shared my enthusiasm for creating opportunities to make the world a better place, whatever our particular passion. These people have been a fantastic source of support over the years and we have shared many successes and laughs together!



THE PRIZES

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in central London on **27 March 2008** with all the commended & short listed winners invited to attend.

WINNERS IN EACH EIGHT CATEGORIES RECEIVE

- ▶ £1,000 for personal and project development
- ▶ 12 month follow-on support programme to help the winners develop their skills and realise their ambitions
- ▶ Opportunity to apply for UnLtd awards
- ▶ Tailored 'Money can't buy' opportunities
- ▶ Training sessions, such as Speakers Bank, to help with personal development

RUNNERS UP IN EACH EIGHT CATEGORIES RECEIVE

- ▶ £250 for personal and project development
- ▶ 12 month follow-on support programme to help the winners develop their skills and realise their ambitions
- ▶ Opportunity to apply for UnLtd awards

32 COMMENDED NOMINEES EACH WIN

- ▶ £50 cash prize
- ▶ Opportunity to apply for UnLtd awards

MONEY CAN'T BUY' OPPORTUNITIES

Money can't buy opportunities are part of the prize package the winners receive.

PREVIOUS YEARS' 'MONEY CAN'T BUY' OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:


- ▶ A day in a Radio 4 studio recording "Inside the Ethics Committee" with Vivienne Parry
- ▶ A chance to attend a course at the National Film and Television School
- ▶ A visit to the House of Commons and lunch with an MP
- ▶ An invitation to the opening of the new Wembley

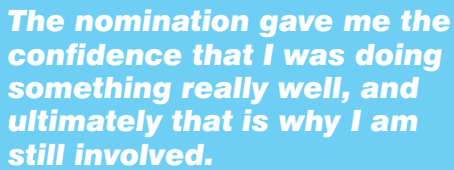
Money can't buy opportunities are kindly provided by our sponsors, partners and supporters. If you think there is something you would be able to offer to our fantastic winners then get in touch.



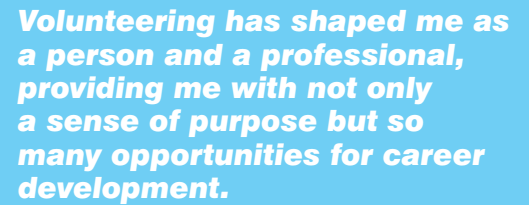
THE PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

THE AWARDS CELEBRATE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE


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- ▶ Shown innovation or creativity in their volunteering
 - ▶ Demonstrated leadership in creating and developing projects
 - ▶ Used their energy, commitment and enthusiasm to raise awareness
 - ▶ Created something worth replicating elsewhere and inspired others
 - ▶ Demonstrated a willingness to develop their talents into new areas



The nomination gave me the confidence that I was doing something really well, and ultimately that is why I am still involved.



Volunteering has shaped me as a person and a professional, providing me with not only a sense of purpose but so many opportunities for career development.



We want you as an individual, organisation and young person champion to nominate at least one individual you know of who deserves this award.



THE PARTNERS

FOUNDING PARTNERS



YouthNet is the UK's first exclusively online charity. They guide and support young people, enabling them to make educated life choices, participate in society and achieve their ambitions. This is done through two websites: TheSite.org, a guide to life for 16-25 year olds; and do-it.org.uk, home of the UK's only national volunteering database.

[www.youthnet.org]



UnLtd Ventures provides consultancy support to social entrepreneurs, helping them to scale up or replicate their projects. They provide support and structures that help them to grow a local initiative into a robust and sustainable project. UnLtd Ventures is providing the follow-on support programme for our winners and runners up.

[www.unltd.org.uk]



CIVA (Centre for Innovation in Voluntary Action) develops national and international programmes to promote and support young people's community involvement. They encourage the sharing and dissemination of quality information which can be used to create new ideas and new approaches that can make a real impact in addressing social and community problems.

[www.civa.org.uk]

SUPPORTED BY



THE BEACON FELLOWSHIP
CHARITABLE TRUST

The Beacon Fellowship was established to help to change the climate of giving in the UK; to encourage everyone, not just a few, to take personal responsibility for charity in the UK and to contribute. The way Beacon works is to uncover and recognise extraordinary achievements in the world of charity.

While those who receive a Beacon Prize may feel deeply honoured for this recognition, it is what happens afterwards that really matters. It is the publicity generated by telling the stories of their extraordinary efforts that creates wider awareness, and makes the rest of us understand just how much is possible.

[www.beaconfellowship.org.uk]



The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business is one of the world's largest and oldest business schools. Founded in 1898, it offers full-time and part-time MBA programmes as well as a Ph.D. programme, open enrolment executive education and bespoke corporate education. In addition to its facilities in Chicago the school operates campuses in London and Singapore – where it runs its top-ranked, part-time MBA for executives.

[www.ChicagoGSB.edu/execmba]



NCVYS is a diverse network of over 170 national voluntary youth organisations and regional and local youth networks, NCVYS has been working since 1936 to support voluntary and community organisations that work with young people. NCVYS co-ordinates, 500,000 paid and voluntary workers who provide direct support to approx. five million young people.

[www.ncvys.org.uk]



STAR is a unique organisation giving university students and young people the opportunity to: learn about and raise awareness of refugee issues in innovative ways, support refugees in a practical way in their local communities through volunteering and campaign with and for the rights of refugees everywhere.

The STAR network is made up of student groups, the STAR Youth Network and Friends of STAR.

[www.star-network.org.uk]



The RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce) works to remove the barriers to social progress. The RSA drive ideas, innovation and social change through an ambitious programme of projects, events and lectures. Their work is supported by 26,000 Fellows, an international network of influencers and innovators from every field and background.

[www.rsa.org.uk]

WORKING WITH



Whitbread operate the number one brands in the UK in budget hotels, restaurants and health & fitness. Our success is due to the 40,000 people we employ in our businesses and the skill with which they serve the 10 million customers who each month visit our 1,600 outlets across the UK. The company has a long history of working with its community partners and last year its charitable contributions totalled more than £2.2 million.

[www.whitbread.co.uk]



v is an independent charity set up to champion youth volunteering in England. Its mission is to inspire a new generation of young people aged 16-25 to volunteer. To do this, v is implementing the recommendations of the Russell Commission. v is led by the cares, interests, passions and beliefs of young people, led by an Advisory Board of young people, v20, who play a fundamental role in guiding the work of the charity.

[www.wearev.com]