

Southend City Unsung Heroes and Heroines Awards in memory of Queen Elizabeth II Media Release

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Want to say thank you to that person who gives their time freely but is happy to let others be recognised before themselves?

Now is your chance!



Blade Education is proud to announce that that nominations are open for the Southend City Jubilee Awards thanks to grant funding from the National Lottery Awards for All Fund and Southend Community Investment Board.

To celebrate the memory of Queen Elizabeth II who died in her Diamond Jubilee Year we are inviting

organisations from across Southend-on-Sea including schools, guides and scouts and all kinds of community groups to nominate and vote for their own unsung heroes, with one person receiving their organisation's nomination for a Southend City Jubilee Award.



We would ask that you don't nominate anyone who has already had an award of some kind this year as we are particularly wanting to celebrate those people who are so often overlooked.

These awards are for those special people who give their time and care freely and with a smile week in week out, the unsung heroes without who our clubs and organisations would simply fall apart.









There are 70 Southend City Jubilee Awards, one for each year of Queen Elizabeth's reign. The Award itself is based on Queen Elizabeth's favourite flower, the Lily of the Valley, each Southend City Jubilee Award will be individually artisan crafted from British materials.

The Southend City Jubilee Awards will work with organisations across Southend City who will be responsible for the nominating each of the 70 award recipients and will help highlight the vital role that everyday community service plays in the survival of organisations both large and small.

To find out more information about these awards, please visit https://www.blade-education.co.uk/scja or email SCJA@blade-education.org.uk or call Beth Hooper on 07947 008 226.

About Blade Education:

Blade Education is a not-for-profit company based in the City of Southend-on-Sea that works with local communities to create



new ways to tackle social issues, experience heritage and combat disadvantage through art, education and information. We believe passionately in lifelong learning with a special emphasis on building bridges between the older and younger generations and that outdoor learning is the best way for children to understand and engage with the world around them. www.blade-education.org.uk #BladeEducation

About The National Lottery Community Fund

We are the largest funder of community activity in the UK – we support people and communities to prosper and thrive.



We're proud to award money raised by National Lottery players to communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and to work closely with Government to distribute vital grants and funding from key Government programmes and initiatives.

Our funding has a positive impact and makes a difference to people's lives. We support projects focussed on things that matter, including economic prosperity, employment, young people, mental health, loneliness and helping the UK reach NET Zero by 2050.

Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, our funding is open to everyone. We're privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.



National Lottery players raise over £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK. Since The National Lottery began in 1994, £43 billion has been raised for good causes. National Lottery funding has been used to support over 635,000 projects - 255 projects per postcode area.

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About the Southend Community Investment Board:

The Board have developed their ideas and understanding of the assets and challenges in Southend and determined their values, vision and mission. Our values are:

- Responsibility
- Cooperation
- Commitment
- Empathy
- Transparency

Underpinned by Independence and Inclusivity

Our vision is of a sustainable Southend where residents engage in their wider communities, are empowered to realise, and reach their full potential. In a city they are proud of, feel safe in and can enjoy healthy and fulfilling lives.

Our mission is to utilize the strengths and assets of Southend by motivating residents to create sustainable resilient communities taking community led-action that will improve mental health.

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