

# YOUTH BUZZ AWARDS – CATEGORY GUIDELINES

**Thank you for your interest in celebrating the achievements of young people across Manchester.**

**Here are some guidelines to help you with your nomination.**

## \*Eligibility

Nominees must be aged 11-19 years old (up to 25 with special educational needs and disability and/or care leavers) and be either a resident living in Manchester or accessing educational provision or employment in the city. You may submit entries to as many categories as you wish, but you must complete separate submissions for each. A candidate may not nominate themselves.

## Supporting Evidence

Additional evidence is not a requirement, but examples of the work and achievements of nominees will be considered during the shortlisting process. Examples of such evidence may include - photographs, videos, campaign materials, achievement certificates or testimonials.

## Shortlist

Please be aware that the awarding ceremony will be held on the evening of 23rd November at The Radisson Blu Edwardian and shortlisted candidates must be in attendance.

## Submissions & Enquiries

All entries must be received by 5pm on FRIDAY 24th AUGUST.

Entries can be made online, emailed or via post to:

**Youth Council Room, Level 5, 58-60 Whitworth St, Manchester, M1 6LT.**

If you need any support or clarification on these details please contact

Phone: 0161 234 1799 or Email: [youthengagement@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:youthengagement@manchester.gov.uk)

## **Categories**

### **★ Young Leader**

This award recognises a Young Person that demonstrates exceptional leadership skills when working to motivate others. Their efforts inspire others to follow them, as they confidently lead activities that encourage positive engagement.

### **★ Young Volunteer**

This young person has demonstrated dedication and commitment through contributing their energy, passion, skills and time for the benefit of others. Their unpaid effort is making a real difference to people and our communities. They represent the spirit of our City.

### **★ Charitable Fundraiser**

The Charitable Fundraiser is an individual or group of young people who have made a significant and successful effort to plan, host or contribute to fundraising activities that support local and national causes. Sponsored runs, bake offs, skydives we want to recognise those young people that have gone above and beyond in their endeavours.

### **★ Eco-award**

This young person or group of young people have worked to promote a sustainable future by supporting eco-friendly changes within their communities. Their ongoing work strives to raise awareness of the issues surrounding climate change and to champion initiatives that encourage green living or reduce our carbon footprint.

### ★ Equality & Diversity

Nominees for this category have shown a sustained commitment to championing equal opportunities for groups of young people, celebrating diversity and promoting cohesion across the City. Examples of this work could include young people representing: LGBTQ+, BME, Young People with Disabilities, Young Carers or Looked After Children.

### ★ Most Effective Youth Group

This youth group or organisation has shown incredible examples of teamwork, advocacy and effective social action. They have worked collaboratively to represent their voice and the voices of others, to positively influence decision-making or impact change within their group or wider community.

### ★ Most Effective School or College Council

This School or College Council has shown incredible examples of teamwork, advocacy and effective social action. They have worked collaboratively to represent their voice and the voices of others, to positively influence decision-making or impact change within their school or wider community.

### ★ Best Creative Campaign

An incredible example of the use of innovative campaigning methods, the winners of this category have successfully unleashed their creativity, such as digital media or the creative arts, to advocate for the voice of young people and to raise awareness of the issues that are relevant to them.

### ★ Making A Change

This category recognises a group or individual that has worked hard to achieve significant, positive and lasting change in the lives of young people as a result of their campaigning or advocacy work. They are an inspirational example of the achievements that are possible by young people.

### ★ Outstanding Achievement

This award highlights those who, by their hard work, dedication and example, have gone the extra mile to represent the views of young people across Manchester. They excel in their ability to show foresight, empathy and a keen desire to positively influence the direction of decisions and actions that affect young people.

### ★ Academic Achievement

This category recognises the academic achievement of a young person in a formal or informal educational setting. They have excelled in a subject or subjects or may have demonstrated considerable progress to achieve outstanding results.

### ★ Vocational Achievement

This category recognises the vocational achievement of a young person in a formal or informal educational setting. They have excelled in their chosen vocational course or may have demonstrated considerable progress to achieve outstanding results.

## ★ Extra Curricular

This young person or group of young people have demonstrated commitment and dedication through their extracurricular activity or activities, within a formal or informal educational setting. For example, captain of a sports team or a performing arts group.

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