

APPENDIX A

SOUTHWARK (COVID) CIVIC AWARDS 2021

RATIONALE, CATEGORIES, CRITERIA, ELIGIBILITY

Since 1997 the Southwark Civic Awards scheme has honoured hundreds of individuals and organisations across the borough. Apart from the rarely conferred Honorary Freedom of Southwark, the awards are the most prestigious the council can make and in 2016 they become even more exceptional still with the conferring of a small number of awards in these categories: For the year 2021 the awards have been amended to cover the entire borough and will be for the Liberty of the London Borough of Southwark

The Liberty of the Borough of Southwark (Category 1)

The Young Citizen of the Year Award (Category 2)

The Mayor's Discretionary Award (Category 3)

What are we looking for?

With Southwark Civic Award for Courage During the COVID-19 Crisis scheme, the key words are 'active citizenship' and 'exceptional achievement'. We want to hear of individuals, projects, organisations and businesses worthy of being singled out and publicly recognised for their generous use of time, ideas, energy and resources for the betterment of others during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We are also looking for shining examples of civic mindedness, personal courage, or service to family or community that is above and beyond the ordinary. We want the recipients of these awards to know that the difference they have made to the lives of others, or indeed the life of the borough, is recognised at the highest level. Examples may include, but are not restricted to:

- Outstanding personal service to the community.
- A community organisation or individual that has
- improved the lives of many.
- A project or event that has helped to improve
- cultural links with communities to ensure support
- for everyone during the pandemic.
- An act of personal courage, bravery or generosity.
- Bringing people together to organise support for
- vulnerable residents in Southwark.

The Liberty Awards

The Southwark COVID Civic Awards celebrate our roots as 'London's most historic borough' by conferring the Civic liberty. We want to recognise exceptional contributions to civic, community or family life by individuals, businesses, projects or organisations during the exceptional year of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Those nominated for one of

these awards will have made an exceptional contribution to civic and community life in the previous year (2020).

The Borough of Southwark incorporates: Borough and Bankside, , Chaucer, Faraday, Newington, North Walworth, and St George's wards, London Bridge and West Bermondsey, North Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, South Bermondsey and Surrey Docks wards. Camberwell Green, Champion Hill, Dulwich Hill, Dulwich Village, Dulwich Wood, Goose Green, Nunhead & Queen's Road, Old Kent Road, Peckham, Peckham Rye, Rye Lane and St Giles wards.

The Young Citizen of the Year Award

This award will recognise the exceptional community spirit, generosity or civic mindedness of a youth or young adult under the age of 25 in any part of the borough. As with the 'liberties', you may nominate a young citizen who has contributed several years of service to community or family life, or has made an outstanding contribution in the previous year alone (2020). The recipient of this award must be a Southwark resident.

The Mayor's Discretionary Award

This discretionary award will allow Southwark's current First Citizen, Councillor Sandra Rhule, to exercise her personal judgement as to which individual, business, project or organisation in any part of the borough has made the most outstanding contribution to community life.

This person, business, project or organisation may be one of those already honoured with a Liberty or Young Citizen of the Year Award, or it may be another worthy of being singled out for a lifetime or a year of outstanding achievement.

Eligibility and exclusions

The council welcomes nominations for any individual whose unpaid voluntary activity is unrelated to, or is additional to, the nominee's current employment. We also welcome nominations for any community group, organisation or business which is based in and/or benefits the Southwark community.

Serving elected members of Southwark Council, as agreed by the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee for one year only, may on this specific occasion, be nominated and they may freely nominate others. Employees of Southwark Council are also not excluded from being nominated on this specific year, including for unpaid voluntary activity, which is unrelated to or is additional to their current employment. Council employees may also nominate individuals, projects or organisations.

As the Southwark COVID Civic Awards scheme for 2021 does not supersede any earlier scheme, previous recipients of the scheme may be nominated on this occasion. Those in receipt of equal or greater awards may not be nominated. Those who received a Letter of Commendation in the past may, however, be nominated.

Recipients of awards in other council-operated or supported award schemes such as Housing Heroes 2021 or Southwark Stars 2021 may be nominated for the Southwark COVID Civic Awards.