Southwark Civic Awards
Nomination form

Who do you know that deserves recognition?

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Tell us who you think deserves an award

Southwark Civic Association is delighted to give you the opportunity to reward the people and organisations in Southwark who work tirelessly for the community.

What are the civic awards?
Southwark Civic Association is an independent organisation made up of business, heritage and community groups in Southwark and was founded to promote the interests of the borough and encourage civic pride among its inhabitants. The association has, each year since 1997, administered the Southwark Civic Awards, on behalf of Southwark Council. The award ceremony is a prestigious event normally held in May of each year.

Awards, Criteria and Eligibility

Southwark Civic Awards are recommended to Southwark Council by the Court of the Southwark Civic Association following review of community-generated nominations which demonstrate a sustained contribution or commitment by an individual, group, organisation or business for the benefit of Southwark residents and/or the interests of the London Borough of Southwark more generally.

Key examples would include: outstanding personal service in support of the young or elderly, community organisation, initiative or event (including an act of courage or bravery); excellence in community cohesion; innovation in local business; enhancement of the borough’s culture, heritage and reputation.

Awards

There are two main categories of Award, which satisfy most circumstances:

- Letter of Commendation
- Liberty of the Old Metropolitan Boroughs of Southwark, Bermondsey or Camberwell

In addition, and in exceptional circumstances, there are options for further Awards, as appropriate:

- Mayor’s Discretionary Award
- Southwark Lifetime Award
- Young Southwark Civic Award
- ... of the Year Award
Criteria

Letter of Commendation
A Letter of Commendation may be awarded to a nominee who has demonstrated an exceptional contribution to the life of the local community, usually for a period exceeding five years.

Liberty of the Old Metropolitan Borough
A Liberty of the Old Metropolitan Borough will be considered when a nominee has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the life of the community, usually for a period exceeding ten years.

Mayor's Discretionary Award
A Mayor's Discretionary Award may be made to an individual/organisation that, during the Mayor's term of office, has attracted special notice for exceptional community activity.

Southwark Lifetime Award
A Southwark Lifetime Award may be recommended where an individual has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the life of the community, typically for a period exceeding twenty years.

Young Southwark Civic Award
A Young Southwark Civic Award may be made to a young person of 18 and under who has demonstrated exceptional community spirit and civic responsibility but, by virtue of their age, is ineligible for a Letter of Commendation.

... of the Year Award
An ‘... of the Year Award’ may be made in circumstances where alternative awards (above) are considered to be inadequate/inappropriate and the nominee is clearly outstanding in their category.

Eligibility

- An individual whose unpaid voluntary activity is unrelated to, or additional to, the nominee's current employment
- A community group, organisation or business which is based in, and/or benefits the Southwark community.

Exclusions

- Serving members of the Court of the Southwark Civic Association
- Current elected members of Southwark Council
- Employees of Southwark Council (unless for unpaid voluntary activity which is unrelated to or additional to current employment)
- Previous Honorands of equal or greater Awards

Please note that Southwark Civic Association is an independent, non-political organisation. Please ensure that your nominations are not for political organisations or representatives.
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CRITERIA
Civic Responsibility

When considering nominations for the 2011/2012 Awards, the Court of the Southwark Civic Association has agreed to waive the qualifying ‘length of time’ criteria in respect of individuals considered to have demonstrated actions of exceptional Civic Responsibility during the August 2011 community disturbances in Southwark.

RETURN ADDRESS
Nomination Forms

Completed nomination forms should be returned by 31 January 2012 to our new address:

Southwark Civic Association  
c/o The Mayor’s Office  
Civic Suite  
3rd Floor North  
160 Tooley Street  
London SE1 2QH

Forms received at the previous address (c/o Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road) will, however, be forwarded to Tooley Street.

Nominations may also be submitted online at www.southwarkcivicassociation.org
Southwark Civic Association nomination form

If you wish to nominate an individual complete **part A only**
If you wish to nominate an organisation complete **part B only**

(A) Nominating an individual

Name of person being nominated

Address of person being nominated

Their age, if you know it

Your relationship to the person, eg friend or neighbour (you must not be a close relative)

Nature of the activity, contribution, or commitment demonstrated by the nominee, eg volunteering, community support, good citizenship

(Please give further details overleaf)

Is the work paid or voluntary?

How long has the person been doing the work?

How long have you known this person?

Do you work for Southwark Council or are you a member of the Court of the Southwark Civic Association?

(B) Nominating an organisation

Name of organisation being nominated

Address of organisation being nominated

Type of organisation, eg, community, voluntary, private

Your relationship to the organisation, eg employee, customer, client

Do you work for Southwark Council or are you a member of the Court of the Southwark Civic Association?

Please complete each nomination form in as much detail as possible as the recommendations of the Southwark Civic Association will be based solely on their contents. Please note that you can only nominate either one individual or one organisation per form, not both. If you wish to nominate a further individual or organisation, please complete another form for each.
Your reasons for nominating the individual or organisation

Name of person making the nomination

Address

Daytime telephone number

Email address

Please return nomination forms to:

The Southwark Civic Association Awards
c/o The Mayor's Office
Southwark Town Hall
Peckham Road
London SE5 8UB
Telephone: 020 7525 7303

Closing date for receipt of forms is January 31st.
Background and Community

Stretching from the River Thames in the north to the suburbs of Dulwich in the south, Southwark is London's most historic borough and home to many of the capital's most famous landmarks. The borough has witnessed and participated in many significant events over the centuries, playing a crucial role in London's history and in shaping the world as we know it today. Southwark owes much of its growth and prosperity to its position on the banks of the Thames. By Anglo-Saxon times the area had risen to become one of the greatest traffic and trading centres in the country which led to strong links across the world. The Mayflower, which carried the Pilgrim Fathers to America in 1620, was captained by a local man who, along with other crew members, is buried at St Mary's Church in Rotherhithe. The 15th century also saw many German, Dutch and Flemish craftsmen plying their skills in the borough's crafts and, as Southwark's eminence as a trading centre grew, visiting ships brought tea from China, dairy produce from New Zealand and food from the British colonies and along with them, visitors many of whom settled in the borough.

By the 15th century Southwark had one of London's largest immigrant populations and by the 17th century was the second largest urban area in England. This trend continued over the centuries. Irish immigrants provided much needed manpower at the dawning of the Industrial Revolution, in particular in developing London's first railway from Greenwich to London Bridge. Fittingly, London Bridge also accommodates the newest tube line in London, the Jubilee, which runs through the station. The post-war years saw the arrival of communities from the Caribbean, West Africa, China, Vietnam, Somalia, Cyprus, Croatia and many other European countries, further adding to Southwark's rich social and ethnic mix.

Cultural and Spiritual Heritage

The diversity of Southwark's community has in turn led to a rich cultural and spiritual life in the borough. Most faiths and denominations are represented here with three cathedrals of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox faiths, as well as other churches and mosques. The unique nature of the borough has always attracted writers and artists to the area, particularly in the earlier centuries when those wishing to escape the regulations and confines of the rest of the capital established themselves here. South London's first playhouse was built at Newington Butts near the Elephant and Castle in about 1580, but was too far from central London to be a success. In 1587 The Rose playhouse was built at Bankside and its success prompted a boom in playhouse construction. The most famous of these was to be The Globe where shareholder William Shakespeare's most famous works were first performed. Geoffrey Chaucer and Charles Dickens also had deep and personal associations with the area.

A litany of literary references to the people and places of Victorian Southwark can be found in the works of Dickens in particular. Notable Artists such as Turner, Hogarth, Pisarro, Blake and Ruskin have documented life in the borough over the centuries and Southwark has always had a vibrant visual arts scene. The Dulwich Picture Gallery was England's first public art gallery when it opened its doors in 1811 and the Camberwell College of Arts has been training artists for over 100 years and boasts a glittering alumni of acclaimed artists.

Legacy

This proud heritage of art, literature and theatre has left a rich legacy in Southwark. Home to the reconstructed Shakespeare's Globe and the remains of the Rose Theatre, the Bankside stretch of the Thames is as dedicated to the development of performing arts as it was in Shakespeare's day. The area has also developed as a thriving centre for the visual arts over the last 40 years. The Bankside Gallery, the Oxo Tower Gallery and the Tate Modern are among the most influential galleries in London's arts scene. The Tate Modern has particularly helped in drawing attention to the borough's thriving arts and design communities and raised awareness of the talent to be found in Southwark's numerous artists' studios.

Many of these Bankside buildings are among the most dramatic of London's striking riverside skyline. There are many other buildings and structures of great interest within the borough such as the Dulwich Tollgate, the last remaining in London, the New Millennium Bridge and Tower Bridge, which also houses a Museum about the world famous bridge – just one of the many varied museums and collections in the borough such as the Imperial War Museum, the Fashion & Textile Museum and the Design Museum to name but a few.

Southwark's Future

Southwark's rich and colourful past, as well as the vibrant and varied attractions are a source of pride for the communities of Southwark. New opportunities within the borough today mean that Southwark's residents can look forward to the future with confidence. Southwark is home to many eminent financial institutions and businesses, while the arts and media are an emerging sector in the area. The famous Elephant and Castle is currently undergoing regeneration to transform and rejuvenate the area. Further south in Peckham, one of the biggest regeneration initiatives in the country has been heralded as best practice by experts the world over. It has replaced high-rise flats with houses and gardens for local families.

There is still much to be done but the communities of Southwark have demonstrated their vigour and capacity for innovative regeneration. The forward thinking philosophies of all parties involved will sustain and strengthen Southwark's re-birth as one of the capital's most important and influential areas. It is in this spirit that the Southwark Civic Association hopes to participate in the continued renewal of civic pride and responsibility for our rich and unique borough – and it is with your valuable help and support that the Association can achieve these worthwhile aims.