

SOUTHWARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION**AWARD CATEGORIES, 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; excellence in community cohesion; innovation in local business; enhancement of the borough's culture, heritage and reputation.

Award Categories:

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

- **Letter of Commendation**
- **Liberty of the Old Metropolitan Borough (... of Southwark, Bermondsey or Camberwell)**

In addition, and in exceptional circumstances, there are options for further **award categories**, as appropriate:

- **Mayor's Award**
- **Southwark Lifetime Award**
- **Young Southwark Civic Award**
- **(...) of the Year Award**

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:

- Individual unpaid voluntary activity which is unrelated to or additional to the nominee's current employment
- 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

**Southwark Civic Association
The Mayor's Award,
To be known as: The Mayor of Southwark's Award**

Criteria

Background:

The Mayor of Southwark apart from being Patron of the Southwark Civic Association is at the very centre of civic life in the borough. The First Citizen and Queen's Representative, there will be no one that will travel the length and breadth of our borough, meeting organisations, groups or individuals during their time in Office, more than the Mayor; attending functions, charring meetings, visiting organisations, community groups, charities, and individual people, who improve the lives of their fellow citizens of the London Borough of Southwark on a voluntary basis.

The Award:

The award to be called "**The Mayor of Southwark's Award**" will be awarded at the sole discretion of the incumbent Mayor of Southwark, and is to be drawn from an organisation, charity, School, community group or individual that The Mayor feels has made a significant contribution to the lives of citizens of the London Borough of Southwark, as a whole or to a local area.

This award can only be granted once to the recipient(s) in the instance that the same recipient(s) are nominated by the serving Mayor on a successive occasion, unless a suitable period of time (to be determined) has elapsed.

The award will be issued in the form of a pre-framed scroll bearing the current London Borough of Southwark Coat of Arms (only), and will declare that "This award has been given at the personal behest of The Worshipful The Mayor of Southwark (*Name of Mayor, (optional)*) to *Name of Recipient(s)* for services to the citizens of the London Borough of Southwark" (final wording to be agreed).

The award is to be personally awarded to the recipient(s) by The Mayor of Southwark at the Annual Civic Awards Ceremony.

Ensuring Political Neutrality

- Nominations for this award must not be used to obtain or reward political favour
- Nominations should not be made to an individual or organisation for their political activities
- Nominations to individuals or organisations with known political affiliations should be avoided.