

## SOUTHWARK CIVIC AWARD NOMINATIONS 2017 – MAYOR'S DISCRETIONARY AWARD 2017

	Nominee	Nominated by	Nomination text	Award
1	William James Carter	2 nominations Himself and Mrs Lucy Jane Louis (Aunt)	<p>Endurance and achievement in spite of suffering, both in terms of personal and familial circumstance, Chair of Political Philosophy Education Campaign - Hoping to eradicate hate and xenophobia through introducing political philosophy into the national curriculum. Holds various leadership positions in Charities: StandNow UK, The Student View (TSV), One Campaign. Represented a Southwark Schools into the National Debating Finals of Debating Matters Competition. Represented Southwark Schools and Comprehensive Education in BBC Radio 4 Debate. Helped protect vulnerable children through work placement at DfE Counter Extremism and Due Dilligence Group. Tokened the 'LSBC Award' winner, Unite Foundation/Southwark Scholar, National/BBC Radio 4 Debater (08/09/16), and A*A*A student at 18. Teetering towards self-harm with two institutionalised parents at 16. Learning to read at 11. Branded a delinquent at 10.</p> <p>Veiling my sexuality at 6. Diagnosed with depression at 5. Caught trying to scrub the pigment off my skin at 3. I carry myself with the knowledge of my past while expecting others to acknowledge it. But like a polaroid clipped at both ends, living outside my mind, you are only presented with this current frame. I'm nominating myself. I am lonely and reopening the past. And I decided that I should open myself up to, the indulgence of being loved. A carer for my Autistic mother, while disconnected from a Schizophrenic father. I realised that to help others, I should address my own problems. Just recognising my work as Head of National Outreach for StandNow UK, Advisor for 'TSV' or Chair of a Political Philosophy Education campaign, is nothing without acknowledgement. Essentially, this is my coming out, and it can only come from me. I don't want race, sexuality or disability to become a pebble in the shoe of younger generations on their struggle for advancement, I want it to become a stimulant. I want them to live in a world where they do not conform to normality with the confidence that this difference is as stunning as a smile. For what is difference if it is not beauty. What is complexity if it is not an opportunity. And what is duality if it is not a plethora of hyphenated identities to explore. I will succeed. My name is William James Carter, and I am a bi-racial, bi-sexual, dyslexic-dyspraxic man of experience, ambition and capability.</p> <p>His mother a very vulnerable adult, with autism and mental health difficulties, his father with paranoid schizophrenia, William had already been born predisposed to many of life's adversities. A highly intelligent young boy, William</p>	The Young Citizen of the Year Award

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			<p>went onto to struggle immensely at primary school, being told that he was “stupid”. With the fight of my family, William was later to be diagnosed with dyslexia. The fight further continued when he started his secondary comprehensive school, he then presented the SEN documents and expressed the need that he and fellow students alike needed. William went on to make those changes. At age 11, William went on to obtain a Jack Petchey award for being a great ambassador to the school. William then designed a sensory garden for the school with his award winnings. He would speak at open days for the school, teach politics and current affairs to the students in his own time. William obtained a second Jack Petchey award for Outstanding Achievement and Public speaking, putting forward the plans for an area within his school to promote mental health well-being for fellow students. Defying odds with his continuing difficult and distressing home life, William further obtained A-Levels - A*A*A. Awarded ‘The London Schools and Black Child Academic Achievement Award’ for his Outstanding achievements. The Unite Foundation Scholarship, The Southwark University Award - funding his tuition at Bristol University where he is currently studying Politics and International Relations. He also has affiliations with the Young Leaders Uk, Debating Matters Mentoring Programme, Extra curricular courses such as Debate Chambers - International Laws and Relations, University College London - Human Rights conference. Is currently a Non-Executive advisor and board member for The Student View, acting as an advocate fro all young people across the country. This charity aims to encourage social mobility and excellence in academics through engaging people in the process of journalism and current affairs. Also currently he is National Coordinator for 'OutReach'- This is a student-led movement to end atrocities worldwide. On recommendation from 'Debating Matters' following William leading his debating team into the National Finals and winning 'Best individual debator', he was asked to a live debate for BBC Radio 4 - World Tonight Sept 2016. William is an inspiration, his mind set is to make positive changes where ever he goes, whether it be close to home, or out in the wider community where he strives to put all his energy into making a positive difference.</p>	
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