

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

	Nominee	Nominated by	Nomination text	Award
1	Robert Hulse	Madam Mayor, Councillor Kath Whittam	<p>The Mayor of Southwark’s special prize for the year goes to Robert Hulse in recognition of his work at the Brunel Museum for over 30 years culminating with the opening of the Grand Entrance Hall this year by HRH Prince Edward. The Grand Entrance Hall, where young Brunel nearly drowned, was the world’s first underground theatre. Before the trains came, the chamber echoed with applause for acrobats, tightrope walkers and serenaders. A small museum, but a big story drawing visitors locally and from all over the world.</p> <p>The Museum is an educational charity run by volunteers and tells the story of one of the world’s great engineering dynasties. Brunel organised the world’s first underground concert party here in 1827, and the Museum celebrates and interprets music and theatre as well as engineering.</p> <p>A Scheduled Ancient Monument, International Landmark, the Oldest Tunnel in the Oldest Underground in the World</p> <p>Robert Hulse has fitted out a spectacular new gallery and underground theatre. Such dedication over many years deserves our thanks and admiration. I am delighted to do that on behalf of the people of Southwark.</p>	Mayor’s Discretionary Award 2017