

# Southwark Stars 2024 Nomination Guidance



This document provides guidance on nominating for Southwark Stars 2024, Southwark's annual award ceremony recognising volunteers and community groups in Southwark.

If you would like this information in an alternative format e.g. large print, paper form or would prefer to nominate through a short video, voice note or over the phone, please contact:

- [volunteering@communitysouthwark.org](mailto:volunteering@communitysouthwark.org)
- 020 3848 6540

## About Southwark Stars

Southwark Stars is Southwark's annual volunteer awards ceremony, celebrating community groups and volunteers across our borough. This is a chance for individuals and organisations whose work often goes unrecognised, to take centre stage.

## What can I nominate for?

There are two kinds of nominations:

### Category nominations

- **Category awards** allow volunteers and community groups to be nominated for a chance of winning in several categories.

- Winners and selected Volunteer Champions will be invited to accept their award on stage at the Southwark Stars ceremony at the Tate Modern on the **7<sup>th</sup> of June 2024**.
- All runners up will receive a volunteer champion certificate.

### **Volunteer Champion Certificates**

- **Volunteer Champion certificates** celebrate outstanding contributions from volunteers who have gone the extra mile.
- As a thank you they will receive a certificate and a chance to attend the Southwark Stars Award Ceremony on a first come first served basis

### **How do I nominate?**

Anyone can nominate a person or organisation can nominate up to two people and two organisations.

Please read the guidance information below and when you are ready, you can nominate through our [Southwark Stars 2024 Category Nomination form](#) and our [Volunteer Champion nomination form](#).

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# Category Nominations for Organisations

You can nominate an **organisation** in up to **two** of the following categories:

## Charity of the Year

In this award category we would like to recognise the outstanding contribution of a single charity in Southwark.

- Open to Southwark based charities.
- Nominated charities must be registered with the charity commission.

## Community Group of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution of groups who are either registered in another organisation structure or unregistered.

- Open to community groups that are not registered with the Charity Commission.
- Nominated groups must be based in Southwark.

## The Sustainability Award

A new award for 2024, this category recognises a community group or charity making a positive impact on the environment.

- Open to any Southwark based charity or community group.
- Nominated groups must be working to tackle the climate crisis through sustainable projects or practice.

## **Supporting Residents through the Cost of Living Crisis**

This category recognises the vital work done by community groups as part of Southwark Council's Here To Help program.

- Open to community groups and charities who were referral partners in Southwark Council's Here to Help scheme.

## Category Nominations for People

You can nominate a **person** in up to **two** of the following categories:

### Disabled Volunteer of the Year

In this award category recognise the contribution that people with disabilities make to the community sector and the world of volunteering.

- Open to individuals with a disability (can be self-defined)
- Nominees must be volunteering in Southwark

### Volunteer Coordinator of the Year

This category is open to anyone who supports volunteers within your organisation as a leading role.

- Open to coordinators at Southwark based organisations
- Nominees must be in a role that involves coordinating volunteers

### Trustee of the Year

In this award category we would like to recognise a trustee who uses their unique expertise and experience and goes above and beyond to ensure the charity is running smoothly and successfully.

- Open to Trustees at a Southwark based registered charities

### **Keib Thomas Active Citizen of the year**

Keib Thomas (1946 – 2007) was a local resident who worked for 27 years in communities in Southwark. This award is given in the spirit of Keib Thomas to recognise someone who dedicates their time and energy to creating a better local community.

- Open to Southwark residents
- Nominees must be acting to benefit people in their local community

### **Older Volunteer of the Year** Sponsored by Southwark Charities

In this category we are looking for nominations for an older volunteer who has made a special contribution to their community.

- Open to volunteers under the age of 60
- Nominees must be volunteering for a Southwark based organisation

### **Young Volunteer of the Year**

In this category we are looking for nominations for a young volunteer who has made a special contribution to their community.

- Open to volunteers under the age of 25
- Nominees must be volunteering for a Southwark based organisation