



Fife Voluntary Action Celebrate Prestigious Awards Ceremony 2018



Broadcaster and journalist Lesley Riddoch led the tributes to some of Fife's unsung heroes at this year's Fife Voluntary Action's annual Awards Ceremony.

Over 250 invited guests, including 15 individual category winners, long service award recipients and Saltire Summit Award winners.

Lesley welcomed guests to the Ceremony, which was held in the Rothes Halls and introduced the first Award category; Mature Volunteer Award. This ever-popular category was won by Findlay MacRae (right), who volunteers with St. John's Ambulance Service. Here's Findlay receiving his Award with FVA Chief Executive, Kenny Murphy.





Next up was the Young Volunteer Award, which was sponsored by Youth 1st. This year's winner was Cameron Bowie for his amazing work with LGBT groups at Kirkcaldy High School. Cameron was nominated by Pink Saltire. Below is Cameron receiving his Award from Judith Allison from Youth 1st.

The first organisation Award of the evening was the Super Start-up Award, which was won by Curnie Clubs. They provide social support groups for people affected by isolation or mental ill health. Donald Grieve from Curnie Clubs is seen collecting his Award from Kenny Murphy.





The Active Volunteer Award was won by Harry Wight. Harry volunteers with The Gateway Project, Levenmouth and has introduced cycling to families who might not have had the chance. Harry can be seen receiving his Award from category sponsor Andrew Baird, Active Schools.

Next up was the Active Organisation Award, which was sponsored by Fife Sports and Leisure Trust. The category was won by the Bums Off Seats project, which is part of Active Fife. They provide hundreds of led walks for people throughout Fife every year. Below Vivienne McNiven (far right) and colleagues receiving her Award from Evelyn Crichton, FSLT.





The Inspirational Volunteer Award was won by Abbie Steggles for her outstanding contribution with Police Scotland Youth Volunteers. Abbie unfortunately couldn't attend the Ceremony, but collecting on her behalf was Derek Baxter. Derek is pictured with a representative from Fife College.

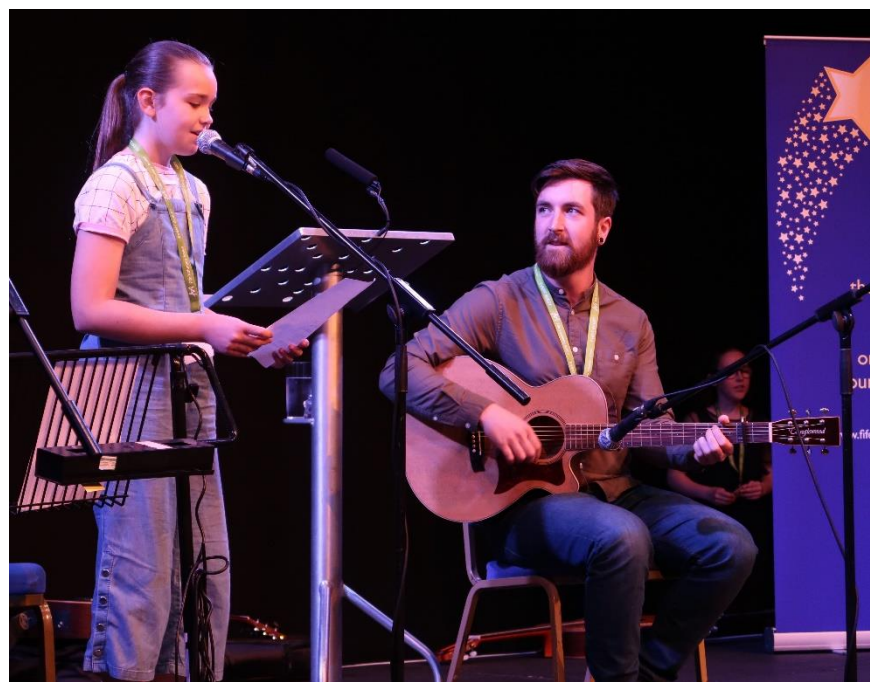
The Socially Enterprising Award was won by Tayport Community Enterprises/Tayport Community Trust. The team from TCT can be seen with their award.





The Reducing Inequalities Award was next up. This category was won by ENABLE Scotland – First Steps for their excellent project which supports young people towards employment. This category was sponsored by Opportunities Fife. Elaine Cormack and Marnie Lawson accepted the Award for ENABLE.

Attendees then enjoyed a break where we were treated to the musical stylings of Strike-A-Chord. - Strike-A-Chord is based in Coaltown of Wemyss Village Hall, where young people come together to learn guitar, electric guitar and drums. The ages at present are between 6 years old and 16 and the atmosphere is electric!





The Saltire Summit Awards are given out to a select few young people who have gone above and beyond what's expected of them as a volunteer. Seven young people were chosen for this Award and they are:

Natalie McBride

Tyler Raines

Abbie Parish (not pictured, unable to attend the event)

Morgan MacGregor

Sean Richmond

Maja Meldrum

Brynja Duthie

Next up, we celebrated those individuals with more than 20+ years' service volunteering with one organisation. Those that could attend the Ceremony are pictured below with their commemorative certificates.

Pictured are:

Harry Ferrier (Disabled Persons Housing Service Fife)

Geoff Strong, Louise Walker and Betty Hannah (All Fife Society for the Blind)

Nancy Wright (Youth 1st)





The Trustee/Board Member Award was sponsored by Fife Society for the Blind and was won by Laurie Naumann. Laurie has served as a Director of Kingdom Housing Association since its inception more than 40 years ago. Laurie is pictured receiving his Award from Sally Cameron from FSB.

The Partnership Award, sponsored by Fife Chamber of Commerce, was won by Castle Furniture for their innovative work with HMP Glenochil, which sees prisoners refurbish white goods. Gail Jackson (third from the right) can be seen collecting their Award with her colleagues from Paul Sykes from Fife Chamber of Commerce (far left).





The Green/Environmental Award was sponsored by Kingdom Housing Association and was this year won by Furniture Plus for their incredible efforts in diverting many tonnes of materials from landfill. Bill Banks from Kingdom Housing Association (left) presented Vivienne Kapsaskis and Steve McLaren from Furniture Plus with their Award.

Next up was the Volunteering into Work Award, which was sponsored by Fife Cultural Trust. Tracey Boland won this category after initially volunteering with Fife Society for the Blind and gaining employment with the same organisation. Here's Tracey and her dog Jack with her Award.





The Equality and Diversity Award (sponsored by Fife Centre for Equalities) was won by Pink Saltire SCIO for their work in promoting inclusion and raising awareness of LGBT issues. Pictured from left to right are: Pani Khular, Nina Munday (Fife Centre for Equalities), Stuart Duffy and Will Watters.

The penultimate Award of the evening was Organisation of the Year, which was won by Glenrothes Foodbank. Pictured with their award are the team from the Foodbank.





The final Award of the evening was the Volunteer of the Year Award, which was won by Suzanne Wight from Fife Gingerbread. Suzanne is pictured with her Award.

Fife Voluntary Action would like to thank our sponsors.

