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TIME 2 VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2023

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Thank you to our event partners, Hull CVS, MADL, East Riding of Yorkshire Council & Hull City Council and to all our award sponsors for helping to make this special celebratory event happen.

An even bigger thank you to all of the volunteers for their selfless contributions, helping to improve the lives of people and communities across the Humber region.



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Introduction

Volunteers bring joy, perform essential tasks, and unite people. Today we want to celebrate all volunteers, their collective achievements, and the value they give to communities.

The Time2Volunteer Awards is a highlight in Smile's calendar. It is an honour to plan and deliver this event, to be able to shine a light on some incredible people and at the same time inspire others.

However, the Awards would not be possible without our fantastic event partners and sponsors who like us, recognise the importance

of thanking and giving back to volunteers.

The judging panel, made up of both Partners and Sponsors had an incredibly difficult task finding this year's winners. Scoring was extremely close. Everyone in this room and indeed all the nominees deserve huge congratulations.

Please join us in celebrating each other, the worthy winners, and the difference volunteering makes at today's Time2Volunteer Awards, brought to you by HEY Smile Foundation and Partners.

Partners



East Riding of Yorkshire Council is honoured to recognise and celebrate the contributions and achievements of all volunteers, whether they are carers, environmentalists, or providing services to their local communities and everything in between.

Their efforts during the pandemic and cost of living crisis have been unwavering and amazing, helping to support many of their neighbours, local communities, and residents of all ages.

The East Riding Council appreciates all volunteers and sees the Volunteer Awards as an ideal opportunity to recognise and celebrate their contributions, to making the East Riding a great place to live.



Empowering charities, people, and communities is the heartbeat of the HEY Smile Foundation. By inspiring communities, being a generous leader, and making a positive impact across the region, we can create a ripple effect that transforms communities and changes lives.

Founded 16 years ago, we have grown and developed lasting and trusted relationships across all sectors, helping to create stronger and more resilient communities where we all live and work.

Smile walks alongside charities, providing vital support with governance, fundraising, strategic planning, and operational guidance, including volunteer management.

We support groups and charities to develop and deliver their own volunteering programmes, ensuring they're equipped with the resources and knowledge needed to manage volunteers. Our passion and drive to make volunteering more accessible, inclusive and rewarding for individuals plays a huge part in Smile's delivery for both individuals and businesses wanting to volunteer.



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As a council, Hull City Council fully recognises the important contribution volunteers make to society right across the city. There are so many services and organisations that simply would not be able to function without an army of committed volunteers taking part.

Whether it is a large or small group, one that operates in one part of the city or all over Hull, or supporting one person or thousands, the contribution made by so many dedicated individuals is immense and not to be underestimated.

That's why Hull City Council was so pleased to be able to be part of the Time2Volunteer awards and celebration event this year. This is our way of publicly thanking all those who do so much for so many.

Thank you to all those who give so much for others.



City Health Care Partnership CIC (CHCP) is a co-owned, 'for better profit' organisation providing NHS health and care services in communities across Hull and East Riding. We offer an exciting and diverse range of volunteering opportunities. The Hub is a central function of our recruitment and management of volunteers, and prides itself on offering a valuable volunteering

We are the go to organisation for volunteering in Hull, who provide a full 360 support to members of the public, charitable organisations and corporate partners with their holistic volunteering needs. People interested in volunteering can access our face to face support via our accredited Hull Volunteer Centre and online on the amazing Time2Volunteer portal which we co-manage with HEY Smile Foundation. We assist organisations across the city to recruit and train volunteers, as well as running the flourishing Volunteer Managers and Coordinators Network which provides a safe space for those working in the area to support each other and develop best practice.

Through our Time2Volunteer platform and Festival of Volunteering partnership with Smile, we are delighted to once again be supporting the Time2Volunteer Awards to show our appreciation for the amazing contribution of volunteers across the region.

experience open to all. Recently, the importance of volunteers has really been highlighted locally and nationally, and we would like to recognise the fantastic contribution and impact volunteers make to our organisation and our local communities. We are proud to once again be a part of the Time2Volunteer Awards.

Award Sponsor: Active Humber

Active Humber is a charitable company whose purpose is to help people of all ages and backgrounds to improve their health and well-being, by taking part in regular physical activity and sport. Our vision for the Humber is that it is a place where

everyone, every day, is physically active for themselves, their communities, and the planet. We are supporting the Active and Sports Award in recognition of the volunteers who make sport and physical activity happen.

Nominees:

• Steph Atkinson, Little Victories FC

Steph, a dedicated community nurse, started volunteering at Little Victories Football Club when her two boys with cerebral palsy became players. She became Welfare Officer to support families like hers. Fuelled by a personal connection and armed with understanding, Steph engaged in thorough research, FA training, and collaborative discussions to shape the

club's future. She secured funding for her Level One Football course and became a coach. Today, she oversees weekly sessions, welcomes new families, and ensures a seamless experience for all. Steph's resolute commitment means that the team are provided with enriched sporting opportunities that meet their needs. Her creativity and passion is inspiring to all.

• Miller Nelson, TransHull

Miller is the visionary behind TransHull, an organisation uniting Trans+ and queer individuals in Hull. Starting with a monthly queer climbing event, Miller arranged a safe haven at Rockcity for the LGBTQI+ community. This impactful work secured a grant from the LGBTQI+ Consortium, making the climbing club free for 12 months.

Under his leadership, TransHull expanded, hosting diverse events with growing reach, including paddle boarding and axe throwing. A vibrant community emerged, providing a long-needed space for queer and Trans+ individuals in Hull to engage in physical activity, increase confidence and become part of an empowering network.

• Hazel Adams, Fitmums and Friends

Hazel's Fitmums and Friends journey began as a participant in the Bereavement Walking Programme pilot in 2021. Since that first session, Hazel blossomed into an integral member of the volunteer team. Whether it's daytime or evening, Hazel enthusiastically lends her support to Yoga for Bereavement, Let's Get Going - Menopause, and special walks for NHS staff.

Hazel also brings her positivity to the central office, handling administrative tasks and making the essential tea and coffee with flair! A dedicated advocate, she shines at events, passionately sharing her Fitmums and Friends journey. She also extends her altruism to local charitable organisations, embodying the spirit of community uplift.

Behind the Scenes Award



Award Sponsor: Umber Creative

At Umber Creative we specialise in building creative solutions to technical problems. We are a friendly and approachable bunch and love working with our clients to tackle problems achieving winning solutions. We specialise in online web-based applications, graphic design, website design, e-commerce, marketing, branding and printed material. Umber Creative has community spirit at its heart. We have worked closely with HEY Smile Foundation over the years, helping to deliver a number

Nominees:

• Neil Spencer, St John Ambulance

A shining star at St John Ambulance, Neil has volunteered an astounding 100 hours per month, far surpassing the 10-hour requirement. His dedication provides behind-the-scenes magic. He preps events, ensuring gazebos are set and resources are available, making the show go on seamlessly. Post-event, he dismantles and reflects on what could be done better.

• Kyra Barratt, Hull CVS

Kyra, a dedicated volunteer with Healthwatch Hull, contributes 8 hours weekly, alongside her 11-hour commitment through Hull CVS. Her availability and 100% commitment shine brightly. Kyra's excellent communication and approach, ensures everyone feels welcome and informed.

• Jo Marshall, Hull and East Yorkshire Mind

As a volunteer with Hull and East Yorkshire Mind, Jo fuels participation and co-production. From a service user to a dynamic leader, she initiated group activities and inspired service improvements. Her passion led her to co-produce research events, and represent peers in committees and, her

of projects to benefit local charities and charitable organisations. We also played the creative role in the designing of the Time2Volunteer brand and website. We've once again chosen to sponsor the Behind the Scenes Award because it mirrors a lot of our day to day working lives. We spend time crafting a design, a logo or coding an application with effort that largely goes unseen by the end user, but when somebody notices the effort, it always lifts your heart and encourages you to keep grafting.

Neil organised a roadshow to showcase St John Ambulance's free CPR demos, raising £600 and inspiring new volunteers. His efforts even birthed a new unit, amplifying community safety. His benevolence knows no bounds, a true community champion quietly saving lives and making the world a better place.

A true pillar of support, her involvement in events brings reassurance, embodying reliability and inclusivity. When it comes to engagement, the question often arises, "Will Kyra be there?" - a testament to her indomitable spirit.

influence extends to new housing designs and student development. With devotion, she's championed a Participation and Engagement Forum, gathering invaluable insights. Her spirit empowers change and amplifies voices, creating a brighter path for mental health advocacy.

Environmental Award



Award Sponsor: Transwaste

Transwaste is the largest waste recycling company in East Yorkshire, providing comprehensive solutions for all specific waste and recycling requirements. We are 100% committed to recycling and our aim is to recycle a minimum of 95% of all waste

Nominees:

• Clare Greaves, Mental Health Mates

Mental Health Mates Beverley, founded in 2019, is a peer support group led by Clare, providing a nurturing haven for mental health through nature walks. Clare's devotion shapes inclusive routes, fostering connections among members and allowing them to discover the nature on their doorstep. She works in partnership with other outdoor groups and has organised

• Kathleen Elvin, Hull City Council Tenant Participation Scheme

Kathleen Elvin is a dedicated community advocate, improving the aesthetic of her neighbourhood in West Hull. Her volunteer journey began in 2020, with Local Area Champion duties and diligent litter picking. Weekly, she inspects for fly-tipping, tidiness, and estate wellbeing, reporting to the Tenant Participation

• Kevin Heppell, PATT Foundation

Kevin, a former Armed Forces member, has blossomed as a Volunteer Woodland Creation Officer at Plant a Tree Today Foundation. He leveraged his skills to guide tree planting and species selection, even training new team members in mapping and ecological knowledge. Kevin advocates for PATT's environmental, veteran, and

we receive. As a business we are keen to support the local community where our customer and employees live and work, therefore we are delighted to be a part of the Volunteer Awards and sponsoring the Environmental Award.

experiences of litter picking and animal therapy. Regardless of the weather, the group stands resilient, showcasing Clare's 10-hour weekly commitment alongside her full-time job. Clare's walks are transformative experiences, proving that shared stories and natural landscapes hold the key to healing and growth.

Officer for action. Her input is integral to the Housemark Scheme, benchmarking the Council nationally. Kathleen contributes to the Neighbourhood Management Project Group and has addressed 400+ estate issues, collected 900+ bags of waste, and dedicates 12 hours per week alongside volunteering for the Red Cross.

community efforts. He's facilitated planting 112,000 trees and hedgerows in Hull and East Riding, enhancing biodiversity and green spaces. Kevin's journey from volunteer to forestry professional embodies his profound impact on both the environment and his own career trajectory.

Founding Award



Award Sponsor: The One Point

The One Point, an original founding partner of HEY Smile Foundation, operates as a managed IT and Telecom company, catering to organisations across the Humber region and beyond. At its core, The One Point is deeply committed to charitable endeavours. In 2014, they inaugurated The One Point Foundation to reinforce their

corporate social responsibility initiatives and encourage members of The One Point team to actively participate in supporting causes that resonate with them. One of the central objectives of The One Point Foundation is to effect positive change within communities by backing initiatives that enhance lives, assist the vulnerable, and create opportunities.

Nominees:

• David Eldridge, Hull Roundheads Rugby Club

From 2018 to 2023, David has served as the Club Chair, driving growth and potential. His leadership directly impacted on-field results and off-field dynamics. David collaborated with committee officers, sub-committees, coaches, and members and represented the club with other organisations. Under his determined guidance, over 100 LGBTQI+ members

and allies found a safe and supportive rugby community. The club's impact went beyond the field, addressing online abuse with David as a stalwart defender in local and national media. His success in securing an Ideas Fund grant led to valuable research and the creation of the play "Safer," amplifying LGBTQI+ voices.

• Sarah Lacy, aScEND Hull CIC

Sarah, founder of aScEND Hull CIC, established a secure haven and vital support network for the SEND community. Since launching in November 2020, she volunteers full-time, spearheading business decisions, funding applications, and service coordination. Sarah orchestrates play groups, adult SEND classes, arts and craft sessions, along with social

events - theatre visits and day trips. Beyond managing daily operations, maintenance, and cleaning, she invests 20 weekly hours in session facilitation and around 35 hours overall, handling administrative tasks, setups, and weekend events. Sarah's dedication has cultivated a thriving community hub, offering solace and enrichment for SEND individuals.

• Susan Kirkman, East Riding Theatre

In 2014, Sue co-founded East Riding Theatre, spearheading its inception from drafting a business plan and liaising with the local Council, to realising actor Vincent Regan's theatre vision in Beverley. Serving as the backbone alongside Vincent, Sue mobilised volunteers, sourced equipment donations, and laboured on-site. As former Theatre Manager, she oversaw admin,

the box office and compliance, secured grants and addressed customer concerns. Sue's exceptional fundraising, £400k, for system development, enduring partnerships, and advocacy for local creatives shaped East Riding Theatre's success. Her contributions transformed East Riding Theatre into a cherished community asset, testament to her commitment.

• Jan Jones, HER Breast Friends

Jan, a breast cancer patient, recognised the need for practical and emotional cancer support. Alongside Liz Drury, they fundraised and established a charity providing essential services for those affected. From comfy chairs in hospitals to equipment for better treatment, Jan's dedication was unwavering. Despite never receiving recognition during her lifetime, her impact was

profound. She created HER Breast Friends, a haven for patients, families, and friends. Jan's smile and spirit inspired a positive community, forging lasting friendships. Her legacy lives on in the countless lives she touched, making the breast cancer journey more manageable. She showed that even in adversity, smiles and compassion can make an immeasurable difference.



Fundraising Award



Award Sponsor: Reckitt

Reckitt* exists to protect, heal, and nurture in the relentless pursuit of a cleaner, healthier world. We believe that access to the highest-quality hygiene, wellness and nourishment is a right, not a privilege. Reckitt is the company behind some of the world's most recognisable and trusted consumer brands in hygiene, health, and nutrition. We are a diverse global team

Nominees:

• Shelby'j Robinson, Two Rivers Community Foodbank

Shelby'j, a remarkable 15-year-old, has a heart of gold and an unstoppable energy. Beginning with local food collections, she became the Goole AFC Community Champion, organising food drives at football matches. Through inventive means like tombolas and raffles, she raises funds to combat period poverty. Shelby'j is leveraging

• Jayne Mason and Team, Lindsey Lodge Hospice

Jayne, Chair of the Messingham Supporter Group, leads a dedicated team of amazing women who selflessly organise events and day trips for their village and beyond. With a focus on Lindsey Lodge Hospice, their collective efforts contribute around £7k of funds annually. Tea and bingo events, particularly famous and well-attended,

• Charlotte Nicholson, The Scarlet Sirens

As Founder and CEO, Charlotte draws from over a decade of volunteer expertise to independently orchestrate impactful events. Her role encompasses aiding vulnerable women in sexual violence healing, guiding those in the criminal justice system, and championing body confidence and empowerment. Notably,

of c. 40,000 colleagues. We draw on our collective energy to meet our ambitions of purpose-led brands, a healthier planet, and a fairer society. Our colleagues are driven and passionate about supporting their local communities which is why we have chosen to sponsor the Fundraiser Volunteer Award.

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her Miss Royal Yorkshire Junior Teen title to spread food poverty awareness online. She earned the Kings Coronation Champion Award and attended the Coronation Concert. Shelby'j's most recent donations of 64 packs of period products and over 400 food items showcases her dedication to filling shelves for those in need.

are their hallmark. For two decades, this exceptional group has not only raised funds but also served as ambassadors, spreading awareness about the Hospice to gain local community support. Jayne and her team shine, making them invaluable assets both to the Hospice and their community.

she produces fundraiser shows and events, contributing her services voluntarily and has raised £50,000 for diverse charities. Her achievements include a significant show for the NICU ward and Cancer Research, with an epic show at Connexin Live for Dove House Hospice. Charlotte's altruism affects countless lives and shapes lives positively.

Good Neighbour Award



Mitsubishi Chemical UK Limited

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Mitsubishi Chemical UK Limited, based on the Saltend Chemicals Park in Hull makes Soarnol, an environmentally-friendly ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH). This is used extensively as a gas barrier in multi-layered plastics packaging

such as bottles and containers particularly for the food industry. We work closely with HEY Smile Foundation to support the local community and were keen to sponsor the Good Neighbour Award.

Nominees:

• Peter Hutcheon, City Health Care Partnership CIC

Peter is hailed by colleagues as flawless, engaging in an exceptional array of activities. His week is a whirlwind of roles: Ward Befriender, Tea Bar Volunteer Team Leader, Paul For Brain allotment and social initiatives, Grin and Tonic exercise group support, and At-Home Befriender. With additional event

participation and prescription deliveries, he gives around 20 weekly hours. Peter's extraordinary kindness and dedication transcend expectations, embodying a selfless gentleman who wholeheartedly gives back, extending immeasurable support and care to those around him.

• Iain Gaydon, Lockington Village Hall Committee

As Chairman of Lockington Village Hall Committee, Iain oversees hall improvements, coordinates events and entertainment, and manages a year-round cinema. Iain, active in the community for a decade, devotes a minimum of 3 hours weekly to hall operations, more during events. He ensures bookings run smoothly, setting up, and despite his varied interests

and caregiving responsibilities, dedicates time to volunteering. Iain's dedication transformed the hall from a dreary space to a vibrant hub, sparking enthusiasm in fellow members. His efforts inspired grant applications, event planning, and upkeep, culminating in a thriving community with diverse activities for all ages.

• Lucy Henn, Age UK Hull

Lucy dedicates an hour weekly to visit her "buddy," offering companionship and open conversations on various subjects and the occasional fish and chips. With consent, she relays any issues for additional support. Lucy's presence reassures the family. Since June 2022, Lucy has committed to weekly

visits, making a positive impact for 24 weeks. Her caring extends to volunteering at the Age UK Hull Christmas party, assisting attendees with limited mobility. Lucy's employer supports her role ensuring she is always available on Friday lunchtimes to enhance the service user's life.

Inclusive Award



Award Sponsor: Making a Difference Locally (MADL)

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Nominees:

• Ayosola Odunsi, Welcome House

In her voluntary role, Ayosola provides essential emotional and practical support to asylum seekers, primarily those residing in Hull and East Riding hotels. She engages in positive activities at Welcome House and local VCSE organisations, aiming to boost confidence, social skills, and connections for rebuilding lives and building trustworthy

relationships. Ayosola holds thrice-weekly sessions at Welcome House, organising health-focused outdoor gatherings. Despite having four young children, she has committed 600 hours in the past year. Ayosola's enduring dedication spans over two years, contributing significantly to the wellbeing and integration of asylum seekers.

• Lesley McNicol, Hull KR Foundation

Since 2022, Lesley has actively contributed to 'This Ability' initiative, assisting young adults aged 18-29 with disabilities or long-term health conditions to re-enter employment. Dedicating two days per week, Lesley, a retiree, supports skill development, work experience, and confidence. Additionally, she enthusiastically engages

in their fundraising committee, supporting the Wheelchair Rugby League team. Lesley's involvement extends to her own participation in the team after trying it at a launch event this year. Her commitment and multi-faceted support significantly impact the opportunities and wellbeing of disabled individuals in both employment and sport.

• Trevor Sylvester, HEY! Volunteering

As a 'volunteer buddy,' Trevor offers vital support to fellow volunteers in arts culture and heritage, to aid inclusivity and overcome barriers. He assists those with additional needs, newcomers, and anyone without internet access or social support, to facilitate engagement. Since 2016, Trevor contributed 1,500 volunteering hours.

He guides new recruits, helping to build confidence and independence within the programme. His involvement in Volunteer Core Training, sharing experiences and advice, further empowers newcomers. Trevor's commitment extends to the 'Volunteer Voice' steering group, contributing to programme development and offering guidance.

Long Serving Award



Award Sponsor: MKM

MKM is the UK's leading independent builder's merchant, with over 120 branches nationwide. Since our first branch opened in Hull in 1995 we've had a unique approach; each site is run independently by Branch Directors and their hand-picked team, providing excellent service to their local customers. Our teams are also proud to

support charities, clubs and groups in those local communities; through fundraising, sponsorship, donations and volunteering as part of what we call 'Doing the Right Thing'. It's an honour to sponsor the Long Serving Award to recognise those who have given their time and energy to help others for many years. Thank you to all the nominees.

Nominees:

• Alan Padwick, City Health Care Partnership CIC

Alan is a dedicated tutor for Empower's Chronic Disease Self-Management Programme, aiding individuals living with long-term health conditions and caregivers. For 15 years he's led 2 weekly courses, which involve setup, training, meetings, and monitoring. For each 6-weekly course, Alan gives 24 hours of his time. During Covid-19 he delivered online, supporting

college students with mental health struggles and learning disabilities. His empathy, humour, and personal experience enrich the programme, making it enjoyable and impactful. Alan's remarkable service positively impacts countless lives, offering support, compassion, and a caring presence to those facing health challenges and caregiving responsibilities.

• Celia Evans, Home-Start Goole and District

Since 1995, Celia has been a Home-Start volunteer, conducting weekly home visits to offer support, friendship, and practical assistance to one or two families. The role adapts to unique struggles, building relationships that endure for weeks or even years, guiding them through challenges until they're ready to move forward independently. Balancing this

with work and raising her family, Celia dedicates approximately 3 hours per weekly visit, accumulating an impressive 28 years of continual support to families. Her commitment encompasses ongoing training, supervision, and maintaining close communication with the organisation, exemplifying a remarkable, enduring dedication to others.

• Wendy Williams, Fitmums and Friends

Wendy serves as the Overarching Welfare Lead, guiding a team of volunteers in welfare roles. She's also a Nordic Walking Instructor, Club Co-ordinator, Walk Leader, and In the Pink Support Volunteer. Actively involved in the delivery group for Beverley Fitmums and Friends, Wendy encourages activity among those facing barriers. Since

2015, she commits 12-15 hours per week, accumulating over 500 hours last year. Wendy's volunteering is intrinsic, positively impacting the community and the team. Her indispensable role showcases steadfast commitment that has become an integral part of her life.

Older Award



Award Sponsor: KCOM

KCOM is a leading provider of IT services and communications. We're proud of our long heritage and our foundations date back to 1904. Today we provide broadband and phone services to more than 150,000 customers and businesses in Hull, East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire, and in 2020 began a £100m expansion of our full fibre network to dozens of new communities across the region. KCOM is proud to sponsor the 'Older Volunteer' Category in the Time2Volunteer Awards 2023. We're

Nominees:

• Iris Otton, Age UK Hull

Iris, aged 76, transcends the role of a mere volunteer fundraiser with Age UK Hull. Along with husband Ray they uplift their community through various events and initiatives. Iris selflessly orchestrates free monthly OAP meals and hosts numerous fundraising events. Iris' strong community knowledge allows her to work with Age UK to

• Pam Dunwell, Run With It

Pam, aged 75, pioneered and developed this education initiative at the MKM Stadium, nurturing it into a successful venture until retiring in 2014. Her commitment persists as a dedicated volunteer, contributing tirelessly, despite her age of 75 and caregiving responsibilities for her 90-year-old husband with Alzheimer's. Pam is great at building

• Barbara Swann, Hull Churches Homes from Hospital

Barbara, aged 79, is a dedicated Volunteer Carer, providing essential respite through a home sitting service, granting caregivers cherished breaks. With care and compassion, she nurtures their loved ones and serves as a trusted companion during their time out of the home.

deeply rooted in the communities we serve and regularly give out community grants to lots of local causes and continue to build strong charity partnerships. We're passionate about volunteering at KCOM, and our employees value giving their time to make a difference locally from supporting the East Yorkshire Chatty Bus initiative this year, to getting out and delivering our popular IT and Biscuits sessions with Age UK Hull and East Yorkshire to support digital inclusion in our region.

connect local older people to activities and support. Iris is driven by her desire to give back, despite her own mobility challenges. She's raised over £100,000 in 14 years, for various charities, believing fundraising keeps her motivated. Her dedication is palpable as she revealed during Volunteers Week, expressing joy in delivering funds and helping those truly in need.

relationships and has helped ensure that Run With It runs smoothly on a day-to-day basis. Her ability to 'accidentally' bump into influential people at football matches, gyms and coffee shops is legendary. Pam's remarkable energy and daily presence at Run With It continue to astonish. Her dedication remains unparalleled.

Barbara's devotion extends over 11 years, supporting 2 families weekly for half a day each. Barbara's exceptional service even involves mentoring fellow volunteers within the organisation, underscoring her invaluable contributions that exceed expectations.

Trustee Award



Award Sponsor: Smailes Goldie

Smailes Goldie Group are delighted to sponsor the Trustee Award. As one of the largest local independent accountancy, tax, and business advisory firms, we recognise the importance of volunteering from our

work with our charity clients. Through our sponsorship of the Smile Trustee Academy, we continue to champion 'giving back' to the area in all of its forms.

Nominees:

• Pat Hutchinson, City of Hull Street Angels

Pat, a dedicated Street Angel and Treasurer, has committed 10-15 hours weekly plus weekend shifts since September 2018. Her crucial contributions drive the charity's success, managing finances, legal obligations, and essential supplies. Pat's efforts enable other volunteers to ensure the safety of vulnerable individuals when on a night out. She's hands-on as

well, attending events, washing uniforms, and cleaning the bus. Pat's unwavering support spans past and present volunteers, reflecting her invaluable role in maintaining operations and safety within the night-time economy. Her commitment resonates profoundly, enriching the charity's impact and the lives of those it serves.

• Charles Lewis, CatZero

Over nearly 15 years, Charles has passionately supported CatZero as an ambassador, dedicating extensive time to board meetings, working groups, and participant programmes. He connects deeply with individuals, valuing their stories and CatZero's life-changing impact. Amidst significant trustee changes, Charles remained a steadfast presence, even after

suffering a heart attack, he attended via Teams to support new trustees. Charles's commitment has greatly impacted staff and beneficiaries. As he steps down due to health and service length, his contributions remain integral to CatZero's resilience and understanding, a testament to his dedication to sustaining its success.

• Nathan Greenfield, Pride in Hull

Nathan, Vice-Chair of Pride in Hull, has dedicated 7 years, to a pivotal role as the event grows. With a dynamic approach, he contributes expertise across finance, operations, sponsorships, and partnerships. Nathan's "get stuff done" attitude inspires fellow trustees, ensuring a safe, memorable, and well-organised

event drawing 50,000+ attendees. His commitment is evident in 20-30 hours per month, balancing a demanding job. Nathan's hands-on leadership shines through, as seen in his last-minute efforts to erect 100 fence panels when a supplier let the team down, exemplifying dedication and drive.

Team Award



Award Sponsor: Arco

At Arco our core purpose has always been to keep people safe at work. As the UK's leading safety experts, we have 139 years of experience, delivered through a team with an unparalleled combination of specialist expertise and knowledge. We distribute a world-class range of over 170,000 quality assured, branded, and own brand products, and provide professional services encompassing training, consultancy, and site services.

Supporting the communities that we serve is at the heart of

Nominees:

• City of Hull Street Angels

The Street Angels patrol the city centre, promoting responsible drinking and providing aid to those in need. Their support encompasses first aid, safeguarding vulnerable individuals due to alcohol, drugs, mental health, and more. Operating Fridays and Saturdays from 9pm to 3am, they brave all weather and extend their hours

our business. Our commitment can be seen throughout the company and each year we support the development of various community and charitable programs financially. We also give our people two days paid leave each year to volunteer.

These Awards recognise the unsung heroes of our community that give hours of their own time to help others. Well done to all those who have been shortlisted, an achievement you should be very proud of. From everyone at Arco, thank you for the work you do to improve our communities.

for fundraising and awareness efforts. By handling situations, the Street Angels free up emergency services, allowing police and ambulance attention for true emergencies. Their impact is substantial, aiding over 800 individuals in the past year alone for the safety, wellbeing, and responsible enjoyment of people in the community.

• Military Assistance Social Hub (M.A.S.H)

M.A.S.H combats social isolation among Armed Forces Veterans and their families in East Yorkshire, offering safe social spaces, wellbeing activities, and crisis support. Service users access friendship and assistance, with activities promoting social interaction, physical mobility, and cognitive stimulation. The team, with trustees and volunteers,

• Valued Minds at Space2BHeard CIC

Volunteers offer vital, affordable or free counselling for low-income residents in Hull and East Yorkshire. Supported by a dedicated team of 25 volunteers, each giving 6 hours per week, the service provides dignified access to quality mental health support. Addressing diverse challenges, from anxiety to addiction, the therapy creates trust and

• Hull's 107FM

Since 2013, Hull's largest community radio station, 107FM, operates around the clock, maintained entirely by dedicated volunteers. With a powerful reach, they amplify the voices of over 325 charities and organisations, while training 280 disadvantaged individuals, propelling 140 into employment and aiding 72 in further

dedicates 45 weekly hours to diverse roles, from face-to-face engagement to crucial administrative tasks securing funds and coordinating projects. M.A.S.H's growth from a small group to 3 hubs, supporting over 85 individuals in winter and drawing around 25 to private spaces, reflects dedicated efforts.

provides a safe space, resulting in approximately 71% recovery from issues. With outcomes backed by NHS questionnaires, Valued Minds fills a gap for those who've exhausted local options, providing hope and transformation through compassionate care and volunteer dedication, shining light on a path forward.

training. The station's impact is profound, motivating 40 people to re-engage with learning, and launching 12 former learners into professional roles within radio and TV. These committed volunteers provide accessible news, music, and local content, addressing pressing issues promptly and supporting employment opportunities.

Young Award

Award Sponsor: Eltherington

Eltherington Group Ltd operates from a 12-acre site in Hull, manufacturing & supplying leisure, modular and construction products throughout the UK and Europe.

We have been celebrating our 60th anniversary over the last couple of years

Nominees:

• Megan Kemp, Yorkshire MESMAC

15-year-old Megan offers vital support at sexual health testing services, warmly welcoming users and ensuring their comfort during appointments. Packing safer sex kits and participating in campaign preparations, she contributes to community testing shifts. Megan extends her assistance to contraception services for girls and women, aged 13-

• Chloey Spriggs and Team, North Ferriby Riding for the Disabled

A devoted team of 6 long-standing teenage volunteers plays a vital role at North Ferriby RDA. They facilitate horse riding lessons for disabled individuals, offer coffee with a donkey for dementia patients, maintain facilities, and care for animals. Demonstrating dependability, sensibility, and dedication, they are integral to the charity's functioning. These volunteers,

• Dorothy Bogg, AScEND Hull and Cancer Research

Dorothy at 8 years old is a remarkable supporter of aScEND Hull and Cancer Research, and her thoughtful nature has been evident since she was little. She showcases her generosity through inventive fundraising initiatives, like a 6-week read challenge that raised funds by reading daily on social media. Recently,



and one of the ways we wish to mark this birthday is to recognise local community volunteers. We therefore chose to sponsor the Young Volunteer Award. On behalf of the whole Eltherington workforce we would like to thank all the volunteers for their inspirational work.

19, engaging with them at colleges, the University, and Open Doors projects. Amid health challenges preventing her from working, Megan has devoted 90 hours since November 2022, and finds her own fulfilment, social interaction, and skill development through volunteering. Her vibrant enthusiasm resonates with service users of a similar age.

highly valued and regarded, contribute countless hours collectively, visiting daily or covering weekends. Some joined at age 8 with parental support, remaining steadfast even during lockdowns. Their unwavering commitment is indispensable, transforming lives and fostering smiles within the local community through North Ferriby RDA.

she selflessly donated 12 inches of hair to Little Princess Trust, raising £250 for both charities. Adults admire her bravery and courage, with her hair donation inspiring others to follow suit. Dorothy's impact is awe-inspiring, serving as an inspiration and spreading positivity within her community.

TIME 2 VOLUNTEER

Time2Volunteer is a volunteering platform co-managed by HEY Smile Foundation and Hull CVS, that aims to make volunteering across Hull and the East Riding simple, valued and connected. Organisations can promote their volunteer opportunities with a free management system, and volunteers can search for and apply to them. It provides a wealth of resources to support both volunteering organisations and volunteers, and informs and involves people in the big issues around volunteering. It is the go-to platform to share and celebrate volunteer stories and achievements.

Feeling inspired by today's Awards? Please visit the website (below) to explore new opportunities to volunteer. Likewise, if you are looking to attract and recruit volunteers, check out how to get your organisation registered and promote your services. If you need help, please contact either Smile or Hull CVS (contact details below) to find out more.

We'll be showcasing all of today's winners on Time2Volunteer, so please do visit the website to see their stories once more.

For more information on Time2Volunteer or to get in touch, please visit our website or call us:

> **Website:** www.time2volunteer.org

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