

THE
CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
AWARDS 2012

ARE YOU...
TURNING LIVES AROUND?
SETTING PEOPLE BACK ON THEIR FEET?
REBUILDING BROKEN COMMUNITIES?

£10,000 AWARDS
FOR LOCAL CHARITIES
ENTRY DEADLINE
4 JANUARY 2012

WHAT ARE THE CSJ AWARDS?

The Centre for Social Justice is looking for community-based charities and voluntary groups that are turning lives around for people and families in poverty and disadvantage.

Winning organisations will receive a £10,000 cash prize, awarded at a high-profile evening celebration in London in July 2012 before an audience of 300 key influencers, including MPs, funders and policy makers.

Previous guests have included Sir Bob Geldof, Zoë Wanamaker CBE, Dame Kelly Holmes, The Rt. Hon David Cameron MP, The Rt. Hon David Blunkett MP, The Rt. Hon Sir Menzies Campbell MP and many more.

AWARD CATEGORIES

We greatly value the depth and breadth of services that many charities offer, and understand that it may be hard to choose just one category from the list below. However, please choose the issue that you tackle most directly and successfully.

Family Breakdown

Educational Failure

Worklessness & Economic Dependency

Debt

Addiction

CSJ Award (other specialisms)

TO APPLY, YOU MUST:

- Be a voluntary group with charitable objectives, or a registered charity;
- Work directly with people living in social or financial poverty in the UK;
- Be seeking solutions that will help people out of poverty and enable them to stay that way;
- Have an annual turnover of less than £3 million.

SADLY WE CAN'T AWARD:

- Previous CSJ Award winners or shortlisted organisations;
- Training bodies, or organisations who do not work directly with clients;
- For-profit companies;
- Organisations with a turnover of over £3 million.



WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

QUALITY FOR EXAMPLE...

Effective	Transforming lives and helping people to an independent lifestyle. Tackling the underlying issues that led a client into poverty, not just the immediate problem. Able to show with qualitative and quantitative measures that your intervention works.
Innovative	Finding solutions that are tailor made to local needs you have observed. Developing your own programmes where you feel nothing adequate exists.
Essential	Filling a gap or providing a service not offered elsewhere, or not offered for enough people.
Person-centred	Finding solutions that are focused on the client, rather than just what is convenient or simple for the charity.
Preventative	Finding ways to stop negative patterns or break intergenerational poverty cycles.
Holistic	Taking into account all the different support needs of the client, and finding ways to meet those needs either within the charity or elsewhere.
Value for money	Be efficient in terms of expenditure and staff ratio against impact in the community.
Scalable/replicable	A model that could be useful elsewhere.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available at www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk. Alternatively, you can send your answers to the questions below, by email or post, by Wednesday 4th January 2012.

Please choose the Award Category that reflects your strongest area of work, then read carefully the 'What are we looking for' section.

QUESTIONS

- 1 Organisation name
- 2 Contact name, email address and telephone number
- 3 Website address
- 4 Charitable number *(if you have one)*
- 5 Annual turnover
- 6 Number of staff members
- 7 Number of volunteers
- 8 Please give an overview of the work of your organisation, detailing *(200 words max):*
 - *The purpose and objectives of your charity*
 - *All programmes/projects you run, including reference to different client groups you work with. Include an explanation of what happens in each programme/project, how many people attend, and how often it happens.*
- 9 How do you know that this work is needed in your local area? *(Include statistics relevant to your Award Category, where possible. 100 words max.)*
- 10 Which Award Category are you applying for? *(Choose one only)*
- 11 How are you addressing this problem, and what is unique, outstanding or innovative about your approach? *(200 words max)*
- 12 How do you know you are being successful at tackling this problem? *(Include statistics showing your success, as well as anecdotal evidence. 200 words max.)*

PLEASE SEND TO

CSJ Awards 2012,
The Centre for Social Justice,
1 Westminster Palace Gardens,
Artillery Row, London SW1P 1RL

OR EMAIL

awards@centreforsocialjustice.org.uk

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Wednesday 4 January 2012

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We will confirm receipt of applications by 31 January 2012, and will contact organisations being considered for the shortlist by March 2012.

In some cases you may be asked to host a site visit. The final results will be announced at the Awards ceremony in July and will be published online.



WHAT IS THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE?

The Centre for Social Justice was established by Rt. Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP in 2004 to find effective poverty-fighting solutions for Britain.

Many of those solutions have been developed by outstanding voluntary groups working in our most disadvantaged communities.

The CSJ brings this grassroots experience to policy makers of all political parties in local and central government.

The annual CSJ Awards give much-deserved recognition and a £10,000 cash prize to the best of these local charities.



Zoë Wanamaker CBE presenting an award
to One25 Ltd in July 2011

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