

Party Awards 2016

Information and Nomination Pack

Further Information

BACKGROUND

Party Awards are designed to recognise publicly those who have given the party outstanding service and commitment. Candidates must themselves be party members, and be nominated and seconded by two party members. The winners are chosen by a working group of the Federal Executive which includes the Party President and usually representatives of the three state parties.

PRESENTED AWARDS

The President's Award is open to any Party Member elected to public office and who has demonstrated excellence and commitment.

The Harriet Smith Liberal Democrat Distinguished Service Award is open to any Party Member never elected to public office.

For both of these awards, the panel will be looking for outstanding commitment and service to the Party, which can be recognized in the Awards presented normally at the Party's Annual Conference. Local, regional and state parties should be seeking to nominate people who deserve recognition for their hard work, long service, and demonstrable dedication to the party, at whatever level. These are expected to be special awards to be awarded from the Party for whom public recognition is long overdue.

The Belinda Eyre-Brook Award is given to recognise and celebrate the efforts of people working for our elected representatives in their local areas - from local party employees, to political assistants to council groups, to people working in MPs' constituency offices.

The winner of this award will care about their local area and be committed to the success of Liberal Democrats within it. Turning local political priorities into electoral success, and priorities for elected officials is a key part of the work of successful local Party figures - as is linking with the national party.

The Dadabhai Naoroji Award is presented annually to the local Party that has done most to promote BAME participants to elected office as Councillors, Assembly Members, Members of Parliament or Members of European Parliament.

This award is designed to encourage local parties to work towards the goal of increasing their ethnic diversity to more accurately reflect the areas they represent, and to recognise those that already make a great effort to involve different communities in their work.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The attached nomination form should be completed with details of the individual, setting out why an award should be made. An officer of a local party, regional executive member or officer, or state party executive or officer should sign the nomination form, in addition to another member.

The completed form should be sent to Chris Adams (the Presidential Aide) no later than 8th August 2016 via chris.adams@libdems.org.uk or to:

*Chris Adams
LDHQ
8-10 Great George Street
London
SW1P 3AE.*

All nominations will be acknowledged on receipt. Decisions on successful nominations will be made known to the nominees, proposers, and seconders by 29th August 2016, and decisions on unsuccessful nominations will be made known to proposers/seconders only by the same date. The winners will be formally announced at the September Autumn Conference in Brighton (September 2016).

It is likely that presentation of the awards will take place immediately prior to the leader's speech in the morning session of Tuesday 20th September 2016.

2015 WINNERS

The President's Award was won by Mike Rowlands. Mike is a stalwart of the party who has been an active member and campaigner for almost 40 years. One of the first Liberal councillors to be elected in his area in the post-war era, he revolutionised the way we campaigned there, serving on the council from 1978 to 1998, and laying the foundations for Vince Cable's stunning victory in 1997. He has continued actively mentoring and encouraging new candidates ever since standing down in 1998. Even now, despite being in his 80s, he is often seen litter picking in his local park and planting daffodils around the trees.

The Harriet Smith Award was won by Andy Hyde. Andy worked tirelessly not just throughout the last general election; canvassing, delivering, writing focusses, but also finding candidates for almost every ward, and building up his local branch all while loyally travelling to target seats such as Cheadle and Hazel Grove to help them as well. Tireless only begins to describe his activity.

The Belinda Eyre-Brook Award was won by Sue Weeks. Sue has been an absolute rock for a number of people within the party for over 20 years. A former Councillor, she was office manager for Paddy Ashdown and then for David Laws for 20 years. She has been a tower of strength in the office where she has led a team of 4 staff and numerous volunteers, playing a vital role in elections over the years.

The Dadabhai Naoroji Award was not awarded.

Nomination Form

Please return to Chris Adams at chris.adams@libdems.org.uk or LDHQ, 8-10 Great George Street, London SW1P 3AE.

Nomination for the _____ Award

Nominee Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Local Party: _____

Membership No: _____

Membership Start Date/Length of Membership: _____

Proposer

Name: _____

Party Office: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Membership No: _____

Signature: _____

Seconder

Name: _____

Party Office: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Membership No: _____

Signature: _____

Brief profile of nominee's activities, achievements and contribution to the Party which supports your nomination:

Please state specific reasons why you think your nominee should be supported for an award this year in particular: