



The Lord-Lieutenant's
Young Person
of the Year

Information Pack

The Lord-Lieutenant's Award for Young People



Young people are key members of society and it is important that their positive role within our community is recognised and celebrated. There are many good examples of what young people have achieved, sometimes despite great disadvantage and obstacles placed before them.

Established in 2006, this prestigious award scheme seeks to identify, celebrate and reward the very best examples of achievement by young people in Leicester and Leicestershire. Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the Coronavirus pandemic, it has not been possible to hold an awards ceremony this year. However, the Lord-Lieutenant has put together this exciting pack of materials for you to learn more about the Awards and how they have impacted the lives of our previous finalists, as well as more about the Lieutenancy itself.

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Hanniya Kamran

Young Leader category 2020

I was shortlisted under the Young Leader category in 2020 for my involvement with Leicester Young People's Council (YPC) and other groups aiming to champion the voices of young people of the city.

After spending 4 years with the YPC working on various projects and campaigns, being shortlisted as a finalist for this award was an amazing experience and a perfect way to reflect on my time with the YPC before I moved on to the next stage of my education. Since then, I have been studying Architecture at the University of Cambridge and am just about to complete my first year. I have continued to use skills developed in the YPC,

both in my academic work as well as through my participation in Uni societies, which I hope to continue to develop in the years to come. As we continue to slowly emerge from what has seemed like a never-ending lockdown, my message to any young people reading this would be to take opportunities as they come as you never know where it could lead you!



Reece Squire

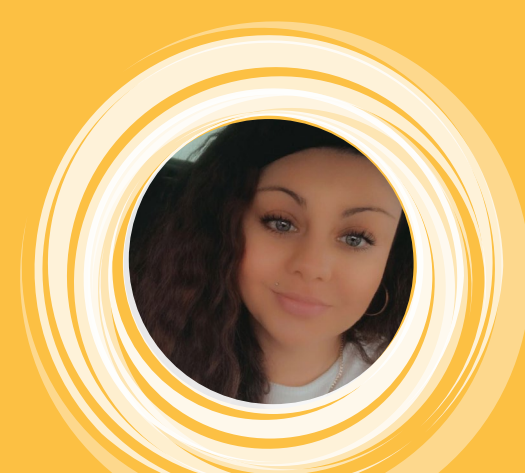
Young Volunteer category 2016

I was nominated and won the category of Young Volunteer 2016. I felt very lucky to be surrounded by the other nominees who had made such a big impact on the community and I would have never thought that I would have won the category. To this day, I am still inspired by every single story that was shared and still feel that although I am no longer a "young volunteer" I still try to inspire and help people in my day to day life.

Following the awards, I spent as much time as I could carrying on participating in Young Carer groups, Young People's Council meetings and contributing to the Young Advisors. Being involved in the Lord-Lieutenant's awards gave me the confidence to strive for my career goal, Aircraft Cabin Crew. I am still to this day working within the industry, unfortunately this meant that I couldn't dedicate my time to the volunteering but the award has been recognised on my CV on numerous occasions to which I am still very passionate about

and am extremely proud of. As I am writing this, I realise that I am still using the very same iPad that was gifted to me from the awards evening.

My advice to anyone who is in the position I was several years ago: lockdown has been an extremely tough year and more than ever, we need to pull together and look after one another. Use this time to plan your next move and what you want next, don't get too caught up in making a big difference and think about the small things you have managed to do. If you aren't passionate about things and try to rush then you'll get caught up in the moment and won't be able to look back and enjoy it. Any achievement you make will always follow you around and it's something you can always be proud of whether it's in 3 months time or 3 years. Congratulations to anyone who has been nominated for an award, be proud of how far you have come!



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Claudia Osborne

Braveheart category 2018

I was nominated for the Lord-Lieutenant's Award for Young People in 2018 for the 'Braveheart' category. The feeling of getting nominated was lovely! Frankly, I was incredibly excited and honoured to have even been considered for such an award and was anticipant regarding meeting the other nominees!

Following the Awards, I have continued my work with the Leicester Young People's Council during lockdown and have also joined the Leicester City Council Environmental Youth Board, which is an advisory group of young people who push for increased action to tackle the current climate emergency within the council. With this addition, my stutter and the way I approach my speech has certainly been tested, however, with the help of my friends, family, peers and past techniques, I'm currently succeeding in not letting my stutter define me!

Since the Awards, I started studying for and have successfully completed my GCSE's, and am looking forward to studying for my A-Levels at college! Additionally, the lockdown period has allowed me, like many others, to reflect upon my future, leading me to discover my passion for film (which I plan to continue studying to degree level)

To the 11–19-year-olds reading this pack, I would advise to keep an open mind as we emerge from lockdown. The most important thing is to remember that we are all in the same boat, so you shouldn't feel ashamed or frightened if you've been affected by the lengthy lockdown period, as I can guarantee that everyone else in some way or another has

been as well. As long as you embrace how the world has changed across these few years and push yourself to get back out there, the world will be your oyster once again!

Though it's a puzzling question, the answer that jumped out at me regarding my hopes for the future would be my somewhat ambitious desire for innovation. Lockdown has been such a bewildering, uncomfortable, worrisome time for many, and yet we've seen in every industry, art form and enterprise new products and ideas being birthed over these last few years. To me, innovation and creativity thrives when the norms are challenged and altered, meaning that lockdown should continue to inspire people to do and think differently. In short; I'm excited to see what we have in store in these upcoming years



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We are grateful to have the support of a number of well-known local businesses and organisations. their annual sponsorship allows us to host these awards and provide our City and county's most outstanding young people with prizes and a memorable awards ceremony at County Hall.

Many of these sponsors have been with us from the very beginning in 2006! So, what is it about the awards that makes them want to continue their support?



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East Midlands Chamber has long supported The Lord-Lieutenant's Awards for Young People – these are a highlight of the annual awards programmes across the county, showcasing exemplary achievement by young people in Leicester and Leicestershire.

Recognising the achievements of the next generation of leaders in the city and county has never been more important than now, as we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic – encouraging all that apply for the awards and those in turn inspiring other young people to strive to achieve great things creates a strong foundation for the future and the Chamber is incredibly proud to be associated with these awards.

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Loughborough College is proud to sponsor the Lord-Lieutenant's Award for Young People. We support young people to overcome personal barriers so they can do their very best and achieve their ambitions and aspirations. For me, this is the very essence of the Lord-Lieutenant's Awards. These last 18 months have been truly unprecedented for students. But the resilience, determination and talent they've demonstrated has been so humbling.

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