

Who makes your community

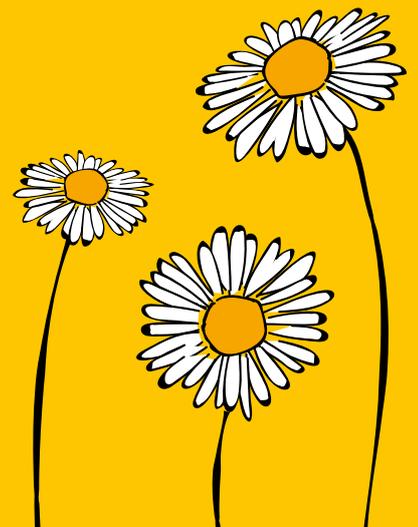


Let's say a massive thank you to our community heroes! Nominations are open now for the 2017 Be Proud Awards.

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**Be Proud  
Awards 2017**



## Who makes your community buzz?

What makes Manchester the greatest place to live, work, play and do business? It's people, of course: our people make our communities buzz.

Among those people, is there a Queen Bee (or King!) you think deserves a moment in the spotlight?

The Be Proud Awards exist to celebrate Manchester's swarms of volunteers and the unsung heroes who make Our Manchester great. The Awards are the perfect way to thank these extraordinary individuals and groups for their hard work in helping others.

We know that these individuals and groups make a real difference in our communities; we also know that some don't even realise how much good they do! Yet their work really helps improve our neighbourhoods, and the Be Proud Awards give you the chance to show them how much you appreciate their efforts by nominating them for the great work they do.

The three finalists in each category will be invited to a prestigious Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony in the Great Hall of Manchester Town Hall in November where, in an Oscars-style ceremony, the winners will be announced.

*Note: the work done by the person or group you are nominating must take place within the Manchester boundaries.*

### Guidance notes: What are we looking for in the nomination?

Before you read through the 12 categories, here are some pointers to help you bring your nomination to life. We're looking for people who are really special: those who put other people first. They listen – to understand what's needed – and often come up with new answers that involve lots of different people in new ways. They also build on what's already brilliant and valued in their area, including the people they live near and care about. A good person or group to nominate will:

- Help to improve people's lives by what they do
- Take time to listen, and respond positively
- Always look for others' strengths
- Work with as many people as possible to make things happen
- Dare to try new ways of doing things
- Be proud and passionate about what they're doing, and about Manchester.

## Categories

We have 12 categories this year, one of which is a dual award (with separate awards for individuals, and groups of two or more people). The categories are:

- Special Recognition:** This year's awards wouldn't be complete without a category that specifically recognises the strength of our city's response to the tragic Manchester Arena attack in May. Use this category to nominate a person, project or organisation that stood tall and helped the community or neighbourhood pull through. Who really stepped up to the mark at the time of the attack, and who has excelled to help those affected in the time since?
- Blooming Communities:** Celebrating people or groups whose care of green spaces or gardening glories have changed the surroundings and lives of people who live, learn or work nearby. Give a thumbs-up to the green fingers that make Manchester's neighbourhoods more attractive.
- Bringing Communities Together:** This award is for projects and events that bring people together in friendship to celebrate their diverse cultures and heritage. Manchester communities stand together for equality and inclusion, so let's reward those who bring these values to life.
- Business in the Community:** Focusing on the businesses that really put something extra back into their community; this could be staff time, skills or money. Good businesses make Manchester tick, so let's support the ones that are good neighbours too.
- Clean Neighbourhood:** This award could be for a project, an exceptional individual, or a group that has worked to involve the community in keeping their neighbourhood clean. This could be by organising clean-ups, taking a stand against fly-tipping, or raising awareness of how to report any issues.
- Community Force:** Acknowledging a person or group that has stood up to adversity, worked hard to keep their neighbourhoods safe, or helped to make their community proud of where they live. Nominate those making Manchester a peaceful, welcoming place.
- Community Project of the Year:** Recognising fresh thinking at the heart of a neighbourhood that unites people and brings to life an idea that's important to them. It could be something in a park, school, library, community/leisure centre, the local shops, or anywhere else in the community that's special to those who live there. Let's say thank you to those team players who've worked together to make something great happen.
- Creativity in the Community:** Nominate any creative project that strengthens communities and benefits people: from community arts, writing, reading and music, to creative use of technology or social media. Manchester is a hive of creativity, so let's applaud the ones who make it buzz.
- Neighbour of the Year:** This is a perfect opportunity to say thank you to a neighbour whose kindness, practical help and support have made a real difference to you or your community. Let's recognise how special they are.
- Recycling Project of the Year:** Let's celebrate people who've found great ways to get others recycling more: from schools and businesses, to community groups and those who help their neighbours to put the right waste into their bins. They all make Manchester greener, saving money and improving the whole environment for all.
- Volunteer of the Year (individual and group\*):** This award highlights the exceptional contribution made by volunteers – the backbone of Manchester – who give their time to improve the lives or surroundings of others. Out of the thousands who volunteer, let's find the selfless person and the stand-out group who, repeatedly, have given their time for free.
- Young Achiever of the Year (under-18):** Young Mancunians are leading by example with their ambition for the future of our city. Nominate an under-18 whose passion and pride can inspire us all to aim higher, and raise our hopes for how great Manchester can be.

Tick (✓) the category you want to nominate this person/group for. If you're not sure, leave it blank and we'll decide which category is the most suitable for your nomination.

\***Dual award:** Because of the popularity and number of nominations received for this category, there is an award for both an individual and a group (two or more people).

## Your nomination

### Details of nominee:

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email: .....

### Your details:

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Who is this nomination for?  Group  Individual

### Tell us about the person or group you are nominating:

- Nominations should be at least 200 words, and on no more than two sides of A4 paper.
- Try to include details of how long they've been doing this work, how many people they've helped, or why they stand out.
- Include as much as you can think of that's relevant. Judges will only have what you tell them to go on, so explain why this person or group deserves the award.
- Feel free to add additional or supporting information if you want, such as press cuttings, links to websites or letters of support.

### How did you hear about the Be Proud Awards?

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**Closing date: Sunday 10 September 2017**

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