

The Presidents Trophy and Awards 2006

ENTRY FORM

Group's name Size of group
Contact's name
Contact's address
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Telephone E-mail

Please tick the categories you are entering, and then give details for each category on a separate sheet.

[....] **Category 1, The Best Conservation Project**

The award is for a single project, one which could be limited to a days activity, such as litter clearance, or spread over several weekends, such as planting trees at a number of hostels. Describe the project, state the number of hours and people from your group involved and, if possible, include photos of before and after.

[....] **Category 2, The Best Publicity Strategy For The Year**

The entry should include all that your group has done to promote itself during the year. Include information such as your aims, target audiences, methods used (e.g. press, radio, articles, displays), cost, results achieved, samples of printed material and any photos of events.

[....] **Category 3, The Best Programme Of Events**

Although judged primarily on the variety and nature of the actual events, the aesthetics of the printed programme will also be considered. Samples of both the social and outdoor programme are to be included, and these should cover all or most of the year.

[....] **Category 4, The Best Fundraising Initiative**

Only fundraising for one YHA cause can be considered. This will be judged primarily on the sum raised, but the originality of the event will also be taken into account.

[....] **Category 5, The Best Work Undertaken At A Hostel**

This work, to be carried out at one Youth Hostel, can be done in one weekend or over several visits. State the name of the Youth Hostel, details of the project, an indication of the hours spent on it, how much it cost and whether the project is completed. Include photos if possible.

[....] **Category 6, The Best Newsletter Or Magazine**

This will be judged mainly on the quality and balance of the articles etc, but the aesthetics of the printed publications will also be considered. Include newsletters or magazines covering all or most of the year.

[....] **Category 7, The Best New Members Package**

This is judged on the measures your group takes, having attracted a potential new member, to assist their integration (e.g. new members evening, information sheets, introductory offers).

[....] **Category 8, The Best Web-Site**

Just state your group's web-site address

Declaration. This information is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and refers to the past twelve months.

Signed, Group Chairman. Date

Would you like your entry returned after judging is completed ? **Yes / No**
And entries from other years ? **Yes / No**

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It's time to start thinking about submitting an entry for the 2006 President's Awards.

The awards were introduced nearly twenty years ago to recognise the hard work and goodwill that many Local Groups put into the Association. Since 1984 dozens of Local Groups have been successful, many winning a category or two, fewer being presented with the President's Trophy.

The Presidents Awards are based on eight individual category awards, as detailed on the enclosed entry form, and smaller local groups have often been successful with these.

The President's Trophy is presented to the overall winner, and entries for most of the categories are necessary to stand a chance of winning this prestigious award.

All groups are urged to seriously consider entering the 2006 awards, and it is worth remembering that ;

- = small groups that thought they had little chance of being successful have **often** won a category,
- = it need not take long to put an entry together - the Programme and Web-site categories could even be compiled in just a few minutes,
- = the Conservation, Fundraising and Work at Hostel categories could be easier to win as they generally attract fewer entries,
- = there have been many examples, such as programmes on hostel notice boards and fundraising reported in YHA News, of work which if entered in previous years would have won.

The winners of the competition are, in addition to the President's Trophy, presented with a cheque for £100. The group coming overall second receives £50 and the one in third place £25. There is also £20 awarded to each category winner. All winners also receive certificates.

Presentation of the Presidents Awards usually takes place at the Hostelling and Local Groups Conference in the spring.

The competition had always been organised and judged by the National (Hostelling and) Local Groups Committee, but since its demise is now being run by four former members of that committee.

Entries, which are to cover work undertaken by your group over the last twelve months, are to be sent with the enclosed form to

**The YHA Presidents Awards,
19 Hogan Way,
Stafford
ST16 3YN**

to arrive no later than 31st December 2006 .

For further details of the Presidents Awards please contact Paul Madge, 19 Hogan Way, Stafford, ST16 3YN, 01785 226529, paul@mudge365.freemove.co.uk (e-mail).

All Presidents Award entries for the last ten years have been retained for record purposes. Any groups wishing to have their past entries returned should contact Paul Madge at the above address.