



**VOLUNTARY ACTION
MERTHYR TYDFIL
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Voluntary Action Awards 2009 Nomination Information and Rules

Purpose of Awards

Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil's volunteering awards programme will recognise and honour outstanding people/groups who have contributed significantly to the development of their organisation or have had a positive impact on the quality of life of residents in the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough.

PLEASE NOTE : individuals can be nominated for more than one category. Where this is the case, a nomination form must be completed for each category showing clearly the volunteer's relevant achievements.

1. (a) Individuals cannot be nominated by a partner or family member, any employee of Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil or a member of the awards panel.
(b) With regard to the Carers award the panel would welcome one reference from a family member, neighbour or friend and the other from a GP, Integrated Adult Services (Social Services), Health Service or a voluntary organisation.
2. The young person category is for those under 25 years of age.
3. Nominated person/group must volunteer or care in the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough area.
4. Please note that only **one** nominee will be selected from each of the categories (see nomination form for categories). The highest scoring in each category will be given an award.

5. Please ensure that the information provided is relevant and unique to the nominated individual. The information should not be replicated or duplicated for another nominee within an organisation.
6. Previous winners are not eligible for nomination in the same category.
7. A selection panel will choose up to 9 awards. The panel will consist of VAMT Board members, County Borough Council representatives at Councillor/Officer level, Welsh Assembly Government representative and representatives from the voluntary sector. The panel's decisions are final.
8. Nominees must have been actively volunteering for a minimum of 12 months.

Closing Date for Nominations

- Completed nominations must be received by **4.00 pm on Friday 22nd May 2009** using the official nomination form.
- Nominations must be marked Private & Confidential and should be returned to: Karen Foley, Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil, 89-90 High Street, Pontmorlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8UH.
- **To obtain copies of the nomination form, information and rules, telephone 01685 353913 or 353904 to request a copy by post or download the forms from www.vamt.net**
- Please note that other formats will be available on request.

More Information

For more information on the Voluntary Action Awards, contact Karen Foley on 01685 353913 or Wendy Marshall on 01685 353904.