

## Fife Voluntary Action Volunteering and Voluntary Sector Awards 2014

Our flagship Awards Ceremony for the voluntary sector in Fife took place last week at the iconic Old Course Hotel in St. Andrews, which saw more than 200 guests gather to celebrate and recognise the efforts of volunteers and the organisations operating in the Kingdom. We received a record number of nominations, meaning the judging panel had a tough time selecting finalists and winners.



Pictured left are the trophies given out to each category winner. The trophies were designed by local businesswoman Kathryn Neale and each trophy base fits together to form the shape of Fife.

The Ceremony was hosted by David Cameron (the real one!) who is an established and leading voice in education; having led reviews at many national conferences both nationally and across the globe, now running his own consultancy business. David masterfully compered the event, adding his own unique humour to inform and inspire the audience. David is a fervent supporter of the third sector so was the perfect choice to present the Ceremony.

Entertainment was provided by Frank Sweeney a.k.a Mr. B Loon, who was on hand to create weird and wonderful balloon characters as guests arrived. He proved a massive hit with his innovative take on the art of balloon artistry!



At Fife Voluntary Action, we believe the efforts of the thousands of volunteers and organisations operating daily and across the Kingdom are worth celebrating. Below is a list of the worthy winners:

### **New Volunteer Award**

Lauren Sykes, East Fife and Scooniehill Riding for the Disabled. Lauren is pictured receiving her award from Councillor Andrew Rodger.



### Young Volunteer Award

Ashley Smyth, Active Schools (Fife Council).  
Pictured to the right is Active Schools Co-ordinator Ronan Capon receiving the award on Ashley's behalf.



### Trustee/Board Member Award

Ian Stirton, Greener Kirkcaldy.  
Andrew McDaniel is the chair of Greener Kirkcaldy and is pictured receiving the award on behalf of Ian with Elaine Cromwell from Thomson Cooper Accountants.

### Active Volunteer Award

Morgan Steedman, Active Schools (Fife Council). Morgan receiving her award from Ryan Donnachie, Active Fife.





### Active Organisation Award

Howe of Fife Rugby Football Club. Pictured to the left is Bill Robertson from Howe of Fife Rugby Football Club, being presented with the award by Kirsteen Torrance from Active Fife.

### Inspirational Volunteer Award

Irene Cuthbertson, Citizens Advice and Rights Fife. Pictured right is Irene's husband, Alex accepting the award on her behalf.



### Innovation Award

Disabled Person's Housing Service Fife (Housing Mentors 55+ Project Volunteering). Pictured is Pamela Stevenson from Fife Council's Economic Development Team (4<sup>th</sup> from right) presenting the team from DPHS Fife with their award.

### Volunteering Into Work Award

Sandra Mason, Age Concern Glenrothes. Pictured is Cazz Burt from Age Concern Glenrothes receiving the award on Sandra's behalf.



### Environmental Improvement Award

Ecology Centre. Unfortunately the staff from the Ecology Centre were unable to attend the event, but Claire Reid (Education Manager) is pictured here their award.

### Reducing Health Inequalities Award

Teen Parent Project, Fife Gingerbread. Diane Williamson (far left) from NHS Fife is pictured presenting the award to the Teen Parent team at Fife Gingerbread, who look fairly happy to have won!





### **Mature Volunteer Award**

David Marshall, East Fife Girls and Women's Football Club. David is pictured receiving his award from Councillor Andrew Rodger.

### **Partnership Award**

Fife Employment Access Trust for their partnership with NHS Fife. Pamela Bruce from FEAT is pictured accepting the award.



### **Equality and Diversity Award**

Fife Migrants Forum. Pictured with Councillor Andrew Rodger.

### **New Organisation Award**

Methilhill Community Children's Initiative. Pictured is Shirley Faichney from Methilhill Community Children's Initiative receiving her award.



### **Organisation of the Year Award**

Samaritans of Dunfermline. Frances Jack, Chair of Dunfermline Samaritans is pictured receiving the award from Eric Byiers, CEO of Fife Chamber of Commerce.



### **Volunteer of the Year Award**

Colin Pentland, CLEAR Buckhaven. Colin is pictured to the right receiving his award from Councillor Andrew Rodger.





For the first time in Fife we included Saltire Summit Award winners. 9 exceptional young people were selected for this award – the highest achievable Saltire Award. 8 of those winners are pictured below.

We also recognised individuals with Long Service Awards. More than 50 volunteers were put forward for awards by their organisations, with the Scouts in particular nominating many individuals from across Fife. Here are some of the Long Service Award winners.





The 3 gentleman pictured to the left with Councillor Andrew Rodger have each racked up more than 50 years' service with their respective Scout groups, a hugely impressive feat!

**Fife Voluntary Action would like to congratulate all of the nominees and winners for their fantastic efforts and for contributing to a spectacular evening.**

**Thank you**

