



Nominations open for the vinspired National Awards 2012

National youth volunteering awards recognises outstanding young people

Nominations are now open for the vinspired National Awards, which celebrate the brilliant contribution that young volunteers (aged 16-25) make to their communities.

The annual awards offer an opportunity to highlight the positivity, creativity and dedication demonstrated by young volunteers across England every day. The awards also honour inspiring youth leaders, who are committed to encouraging young volunteers. And, for the first time this year, will include a category for outstanding National Citizen Service (NCS) teams.

If you know anyone in your community or constituency who has made an extraordinary contribution to their community nominate them for a vinspired National Award today at www.vinspired.com/nationalawards

Nominations must be for young people living in England and for voluntary activity carried out in the last year (between August 2010 and July 2011). Nominations close on **November 30, 2011**.

The categories:

1. Best new volunteer
2. All round commitment to volunteering
3. Bringing communities together
4. Team Activity
5. Outstanding Contribution by a Youth Worker
6. Most Outstanding National Citizen Service Team

Finalist for the awards will be celebrated at a star-studded awards ceremony in central London in March 2012. Previous winners and guests have been entertained with performances from Tinchy Stryder, Natasha Beddingfield, Wretch32, Gabriella Cilmi, Lady Sovereign, Bashy and the Rock Choir.

Other famous faces to endorse the event have included: HRH Prince William; The Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister; Kevin Spacey; Keith Lemon and James Caan.

- To nominate an outstanding young volunteer, team or youth worker, visit: www.vinspired.com/nationalawards
- For more information please contact: Janqui Mehta - 020 7960 7072, janqui.mehta@vinspired.com

About vinspired

- vinspired aims to inspire a new generation of volunteers (aged 14-25) across England
- We do this by creating a diverse range of volunteering and social action opportunities to help young people take action to improve lives, communities and the planet
- 2011 is the European Year of Volunteering in the European Union, putting a spotlight on volunteering across Europe to help create a culture of giving time. v has been appointed as an official partner, working with Catch22 to deliver the Children & Young People spotlight theme
- See www.vinspired.com for more information on what we do and how we do it