

# The Edinburgh Inspiring Volunteering Awards 2008



Celebrate the Inspirational

## Nomination Pack

**VENUE:** Lothian Chambers

**AWARDS DATE:** 5th June 2008

**NOMINATIONS DEADLINE:** 4th April 2008

“Our Vision is of a city where everyone feels inspired to volunteer, has the opportunity to do so, and has an excellent volunteering experience”.

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### THE CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

We are very pleased to announce this year's 'Edinburgh Inspiring Volunteering Awards 2008' ceremony which will be held in the Lothian Chambers on 5th June 2008 during National Volunteers Week.

Edinburgh Compact Partnership and Volunteer Centre Edinburgh will be hosting this special event to recognise and celebrate the wide ranging achievement and significant impact volunteers make within Edinburgh.

All volunteer involving organisations are invited to submit nominations for their volunteers whose work takes place or has its impact in Edinburgh. There are 4 award categories to choose from when making nominations, designed to give more specific recognition to volunteers for the contribution that they have made.

The 4 nomination categories are Partnership, Commitment, Innovation and Impact.

Nominations can be made for an individual volunteer or group of volunteers for any category.

Whilst all nominees will receive a certificate for the valued contribution they have made through volunteering, we cannot fit all the nominees whose fantastic nominations we receive into the one venue. Because of this, this year we have asked the iGIVE\* panel to select ten nominees per category to attend the awards, championing their category and representing the diverse cross section of volunteers and types of volunteering opportunities throughout the city. For those who do not join us for the event we will send certificates in the post to the nominating organisation to present to their volunteer.

### THE 2008 INSPIRING VOLUNTEERING AWARD

In addition to the presentation of these certificates, this year the Lord Provost in conjunction with the iGIVE panel will select one nomination from across all 4 categories to be awarded the Inspiring Volunteer of the Year Award. This is a new prestigious award for which a roll of honour is to be created within the City Chamber with this year's winner to be the first name engraved.

\*iGIVE -The iGIVE panel work towards implementing the Volunteering Strategy Action Plan, within the terms of the Edinburgh Compact. The group includes representatives from the voluntary and community sector, Careers Scotland, the City of Edinburgh Council, Edinburgh Interfaith Association, Lothian & Borders Police, NHS Lothian, Scottish Business in the Community and Volunteer Centre



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## Nomination Guidelines

Organisations can make up to 4 nominations - one nomination per category. All nominated volunteers will receive a recognition certificate though we are unfortunately unable to have all nominees join us on the day. We will inform organisations as soon as possible who the representatives of each category will be at the awards.

### Who can make a nomination?

Nominations are made by the organisation with whom the nominee volunteers. The nomination form needs to be signed by two senior representatives from the organisation; these can be the nominee's volunteer manager, another senior manager, Director or Chair of the Board.

### Who is eligible to be nominated?

- Nominations can be made for individual volunteers or a group of volunteers who have worked closely as a cohesive group on a project
- Nominated volunteers work should be based in Edinburgh or have its primary impact in Edinburgh.
- Nominated volunteers must have volunteered with the nominating organisation at some point between April 2007 and April 2008.
- There is no minimum time restriction that a volunteer needs to have spent volunteering and there is no age restriction.

### Attending the Event

There will be two places at the ceremony reserved for each attending volunteer or group of volunteers. As such individual nominated volunteers will be invited to bring along a guest of their choice, who for example might be from the organisation with whom they volunteer or perhaps a friend, partner or family member. However, due to the capacity of the venue, any groups of volunteers joining us will be asked to select 2 representatives to attend the ceremony on the groups behalf and the rest of the group will be invited to join the drinks reception following the ceremony.

