



The Queen's Young Leaders Awards We need your help to find exceptional young people

Only 60 days to go!

#TheSearchIsOn

The Queen's Young Leaders programme was launched on 9th July 2014 at Buckingham Palace by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

Over the next four years, this new, unique programme will discover, celebrate and support young people who are transforming their own lives and the futures of others around them.

The search is on to find exceptional young people from every Commonwealth nation to become the Queen's Young Leaders.

There are now just 60 days left to apply or nominate someone to become one of our award winners, and we need your help to find them.

Award winners will be rewarded with a tailored package of training, mentoring and networking opportunities, and provided with a one-week residential programme in the UK, during which they will receive their award from Her Majesty The Queen. With their skills and confidence strengthened, they will continue to change the lives of those around them and inspire the next generation of young leaders.

What are we asking you to do?

Nominate a young person who has inspired you

The Queen's Young Leaders team are asking supporters, youth organisations and other high profile individuals to nominate a young person they think deserves an Award: an individual who they think should be recognised for the lasting change they're making in their community and who would benefit from the support provided to continue improving the lives of others around them.



Jamal Edwards, young entrepreneur and founder of SBTU joined TRH The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry at Buckingham Palace to launch the search for first the Queen's Young Leaders.



All you need to do is visit www.queensyoungleaders.com/nominate/ and fill out a short form to nominate the young person whose efforts to improve the lives of others has inspired you and your work. They will receive an email notifying them that you think they have what it takes to be a Queen's Young Leader.

Help us to spread the word

Once you've nominated someone for a Queen's Young Leader Award, or if you want to encourage young people you know to apply for an Award, send a tweet or post details on your Facebook page – we've included some suggested wording below as a guide.

You could even make a short film about why you're nominating this person, write a blog, or tag some photos of the person on Instagram.

What are the key messages?

Please do not use until 12th August 2014

Example Tweet:

I'm nominating <insert nominee handle> as my shining example of a @queensleaders. Who's yours? #TheSearchIsOn <http://bit.ly/YngLdrs>

I'm in <insert commonwealth country> where the search is on for shining examples of @queensleaders. Who will you nominate? #TheSearchIsOn <http://bit.ly/YngLdrs>

Example Facebook post:

I'm nominating XXXX XXXX as my shining example of a Queen's Young Leader because <insert your reason why>. Are there people in your community that deserve to be recognised? Nominate them today at www.queensyoungleaders.com/nominate/

Useful links and handles

Twitter: @queensleaders #TheSearchIsOn

Instagram: @queensyoungleaders

Homepage: <http://www.queensyoungleaders.com>

Or <http://bit.ly/YngLdrs>



What are the criteria for an Award entry and how will they be chosen?

Each application/nomination must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants/nominees need to have proven experience of working to improve their communities locally, regionally or at a national level and be able to show evidence of their achievements.
2. Applicants/nominees must be aged between 18 and 29 for the year of the award and be citizens of a Commonwealth country.
3. Applicants/nominees need to demonstrate evidence of their leadership qualities.
4. Priority will be given to individuals who have overcome challenges to achieve their goals.
5. All applicants/nominees need to be supported by a suitable referee.

All applications/nominations will be considered based on the young person's achievements to date as well as their potential and their future ambition. Award winners will be short-listed by a panel made up of young people from across the Commonwealth and a small team of advisors representing the three partner organisations. The short list for Award winners will then be presented to The Queen's Young Leaders Programme Board for final selection and decision.