

## 'BIG10' awards launched for second year running

Hyson Green based charity, the Partnership Council, is launching its annual BIG10 Awards for 2009 on Thursday 20th August at its Summer Social event.

The charity first launched the BIG10 awards last year, and due to their success, the charity is launching the awards again this year.

The Awards aim to recognise and reward the contribution that local people and volunteers make to their neighbourhoods and to the lives of others - especially in the areas where the Partnership Council works most often - Hyson Green, Radford, Forest Fields, New Basford, the Arboretum area and Sherwood Rise.

There are ten award categories: Neighbourhood Project of the Year Award; Environmental Project of the Year Award; Community Business of the Year Award; Young Person of the Year Award; Older Person of the Year Award; Partnership Worker of the Year Award; Skills Exchange of the Year Award; Community Group of the Year Award; Volunteer of the Year Award and Outstanding Community Contribution of the Year Award.

If you know of someone who deserves a BIG10 Award you can nominate them at [www.partnershipcouncil.co.uk](http://www.partnershipcouncil.co.uk) Alternatively, call George Moulson at the Partnership Council on 0115 970 8200.

The closing date for nominations is 30th September 2009 and 30 nominees will be shortlisted for an award. All those shortlisted will be invited to the Partnership Council's BIG10 Awards Ceremony on November 26th 2009 where the winners will be announced. Several high profile city figures have already pledged their support to the Awards, including the Lord Mayor, Councillor Jeannie Packer, who will be a guest of honour at the Awards Ceremony in November.

Westley Muers was a double BIG10 Award winner last year, winning the Partnership Worker of the Year Award and the Outstanding Community Contribution of the Year Award for his voluntary work.

### **Westley says:**

*"I enjoy volunteering and regularly help out at environmental events in Nottingham, plus I encourage my kids to volunteer too. It was great to have my contribution as a volunteer noticed though - it made me feel as if my efforts are really worthwhile and appreciated. If you know someone who does a lot for your neighbourhood, I'd definitely suggest you nominate them for an Award, it'll only take a few moments of your time and they'll feel fantastic if they win - I did!"*

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Maleeha Asim won the Young Person of the Year Award last year, aged just 11.

**Maleeha says:**

*"It made me feel really special winning a BIG10 Award, as if my fundraising and voluntary work really does make a difference to people's lives. It was also fun to go to an Awards Ceremony of course - it was a bit like going to the Oscars!"*

**Ruth Greenberg, Chief Officer of the Partnership Council says:**

*"As a community charity we see first hand the amazing difference that local people and volunteers are making to their neighbourhoods. The BIG10 Awards are our way of recognising and rewarding this contribution whilst treating award winners as 'stars' for the evening. They deserve it, so please nominate someone you know for an Award this year."*

**To find out more about the Awards please contact Ruth Greenberg or George Moulson on 0115 970 8200 or email [ruth@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:ruth@partnershipcouncil.co.uk) or [george@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:george@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)**

**For more information about the Awards visit [www.partnershipcouncil.co.uk](http://www.partnershipcouncil.co.uk)**

**You are also welcome to go along to the BIG10 Awards launch on Thursday 20th August, at the Partnership Council, 47 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green, Nottingham from 5.30pm until 8.00pm.**