



Information Pack



The Lord-Lieutenant's
**Young Person
of the Year**

The Lord-Lieutenant's Award for Young People



Young people are key members of society and it is important that their positive role within our community is recognised and celebrated. There are many good examples of what young people have achieved, sometimes despite great disadvantage and obstacles placed before them.

Established in 2006, this prestigious award scheme seeks to identify, celebrate, and reward the very best examples of achievement by young people in Leicester and Leicestershire. Finalists will be invited to an incredible award night hosted by the Lord-Lieutenant, with a chance to win exciting prizes.

The Lord-Lieutenant has put together this exciting pack of materials for you to learn more about the Awards and how they have impacted the lives of our previous finalists, as well as more about the Lieutenancy itself.

If you would like to know how you can get involved with the 2025 awards, you will find more information at the end of this pack!

The Lord-Lieutenant's Award for Young People



Welcome to the Lord-Lieutenant's Award for Young People Virtual Resource Pack

Since 2006, the Lord-Lieutenant's Awards for Young People have recognised outstanding achievements by young people across the City and County, be that through acts of bravery, exemplary leadership, incredible art, or selfless volunteering.

It is always delightful to meet young people from across the County, to hear their stories and recognise their brilliant successes. I am always inspired by passion with which these young people address social issues, and the strength and determination they show in advocating for change. It is an opportunity to hear fresh ideas, gain new perspectives, and meet with some truly inspirational young people who I'm sure we will hear more from in the future!

So, what can you expect from this pack?

It has been my great pleasure to hear from young people who were award finalists several years ago, and how the recognition motivated them to continue working towards achieving their goals. You can hear more from them later on in this pack.

Every year, my awards are sponsored by a number of well-known and very generous local businesses and institutions. You will be able to hear more from them and why they choose to keep supporting the awards year in, year out.

Since becoming Lord-Lieutenant in June 2018, I have prioritised raising awareness of the Lieutenancy among our young people and am always delighted to see how much people enjoy learning about the rich and varied

history of this prestigious, slightly mysterious office! In this pack, you will find a number of interesting resources about the history of the Lieutenancy, the Monarchy and how the modern-day Lieutenancy functions in Leicestershire.

Finally, we have ensured to include plenty of information about this year's awards – how to nominate, key dates and details of the ceremony itself. My panel and I can't wait to read the nominations later in the year and learn about the incredible things young people have been doing across our City and County.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy going through the resources that we have put together. If you share them with your school, youth group, friends, and family, I would love to know! Please do get in touch via social media (@LeicsLieutenant on X) or by emailing my office (lieutenancyoffice@leics.gov.uk)

Thank you

Best Wishes

Mike Kapur, OBE, CStJ
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire

The Award is open to young people aged 13-19 (as at 14th February 2025) resident or attending full-time education in Leicester or Leicestershire.

Hanniya Kamran

Young Leader category 2020

I was shortlisted under the Young Leader category in 2020 for my involvement with Leicester Young People's Council (YPC) and other groups aiming to champion the voices of young people of the city.

After spending 4 years with the YPC working on various projects and campaigns, being shortlisted as a finalist for this award was an amazing experience and a perfect way to reflect on my time with the YPC before I moved on to the next stage of my education. Since then, I have been studying

Architecture at the University of Cambridge and am just about to complete my first year. I have continued to use skills developed in the YPC, both in my academic work as well as through my participation in Uni societies, which I hope to continue to develop in the years to come.

Reece Squire

Young Volunteer category 2016

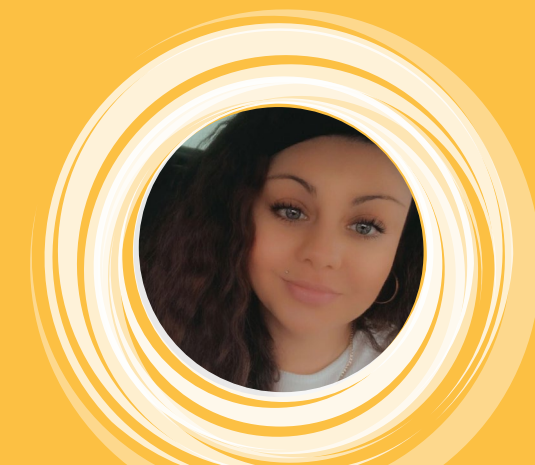
I was nominated and won the category of Young Volunteer 2016. I felt very lucky to be surrounded by the other nominees who had made such a big impact on the community and I would have never thought that I would have won the category. To this day, I am still inspired by every single story that was shared and still feel that although I am no longer a "young volunteer" I still try to inspire and help people in my day to day life.

Following the awards, I spent as much time as I could carrying on participating in Young Carer groups, Young People's Council meetings and contributing to the Young Advisors. Being involved in the Lord-Lieutenant's awards gave me the confidence to strive for my career goal,

Aircraft Cabin Crew. I am still to this day working within the industry, unfortunately this meant that I couldn't dedicate my time to the volunteering but the award has been recognised on my CV on numerous occasions to which I am still very passionate about and am extremely proud of. As I am writing this, I realise that I am still using the very same iPad that was gifted to me from the awards evening.

Any achievement you make will always follow you around and it's something you can always be proud of whether it's in 3 months time or 3 years. Congratulations to anyone who has been nominated for an award, be proud of how far you have come!

PAST FINALISTS



Claudia Osborne

Braveheart category 2018

I was nominated for the Lord-Lieutenant's Award for Young People in 2018 for the 'Braveheart' category. The feeling of getting nominated was lovely! Frankly, I was incredibly excited and honoured to have even been considered for such an award and was anticipant regarding meeting the other nominees!

Following the Awards, I have continued my work with the Leicester Young People's Council during lockdown and have also joined the Leicester City Council Environmental Youth Board, which is an advisory group of young people who push for increased action to tackle the current climate emergency within the council. With this addition, my stutter and the way I approach my speech has certainly been tested, however, with the help of my friends, family, peers and past techniques, I'm currently succeeding in not letting my stutter define me!

Since the Awards, I started studying for and have successfully completed my GCSE's, and am looking forward to studying for my A-Levels at college! Additionally, the lockdown period has allowed me, like many others, to reflect upon my future, leading me to discover my passion for film (which I plan to continue studying to degree level)



PAST FINALISTS

We are grateful to have the support of a number of well-known local businesses and organisations. Their annual sponsorship allows us to host these awards and provide our City and County's most outstanding young people with prizes and a memorable awards ceremony at County Hall.

Many of these sponsors have been with us from the very beginning in 2006! So, what is it about the awards that makes them want to continue their support?



OUR SPONSORS



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The University of Leicester is a proud supporter of the Lord-Lieutenant's Awards for Young People.

“We are a values driven University – we believe in inclusivity and in breaking down barriers to achievement, and encouraging and supporting young people to be inspiring and impactful.

“These awards celebrate the many amazing young people in Leicester and Leicestershire who are having a real impact on their community and inspiring future generations to create change in their lives and their communities.

The University of Leicester

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East Midlands Chamber has long supported The Lord-Lieutenant's Awards for Young People – these are a highlight of the annual awards programmes across the county, showcasing exemplary achievement by young people in Leicester and Leicestershire.

Recognising the achievements of the next generation of leaders in the city and county has never been more important than now– encouraging all that apply for the awards and those in turn inspiring other young people to strive to achieve great things creates a strong foundation for the future and the Chamber is incredibly proud to be associated with these awards.

East Midlands Chamber

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“Leicestershire Police is proud to be sponsoring this year's Lord Lieutenant's Award for Young People.

“Their achievements are something we can all aspire to and recognising the enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work of young people in Leicester and Leicestershire will hopefully encourage others to follow suit.

“I sincerely hope the attitude and skills shown by those nominated for these awards can in turn inspire other young people to make a difference.”

Chief Constable Rob Nixon QPM, Leicestershire Police

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WHAT OUR SPONSORS SAY



History of the Office of Lord-Lieutenant

The Lord-Lieutenant is the official representative of His Majesty The King for the County and City of Leicester. The Office of Lord-Lieutenant is military in origin and can be said to date from the reign of Henry VIII. Until 1921 the Lord-Lieutenant still had the power to call on all able-bodied men of the County to fight in the case of need.

The traditional links with the military have been preserved in a modern form by the involvement of the Lord-Lieutenant with the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, which embraces the Territorial Forces and the Cadet Corps. The Lord-Lieutenant also maintains connections with the uniformed civilian organisations, such as the Police, Fire and Ambulance services and many voluntary bodies, such as Red Cross, St. John and national and local youth organisations. Each year Mr Kapur appoints a number of young cadets to support him on ceremonial occasions.

Leicestershire's first Lord-Lieutenant, Henry Grey, 3rd Marquis of Dorset KG, was appointed in 1549. Upon the death of Edward VI he attempted to place his eldest daughter, Lady Jane Grey, upon the throne. This attempt failed and he was captured at Astley and was beheaded on Tower Hill on 23rd February 1554. The remains of the Grey's home can still be found in Bradgate Park.

See www.leicestershire.gov.uk/lieutenancy for more information.



The Lord-Lieutenant
of Leicestershire,
Mike Kapur, OBE, CStJ



Nominate your Young Person of the Year 2025

The Lord-Lieutenant's Award for Young People focuses on four key themes and nominations will need to demonstrate that the young person has made a contribution to society which meets the criteria set out below.

CATEGORY

1

Young Person of Courage of the Year

Awarded to an individual who has:

- overcome personal barriers to achieve success
- made a stand against bullying, racism etc.
- demonstrated a life-saving act of bravery

CATEGORY

2

Young Volunteer of the Year

Awarded to an individual who has:

- enhanced their local community or environment
- cared for a neighbour or relative in need
- helped run a community or sports based club or society

CATEGORY

3

Young Leader of the Year

Awarded to an individual who has:

- motivated and inspired those around them by leading a project or a change for the better
- led a team or group to success, overcoming obstacles and bringing people together
- shown commitment, promise and determination

CATEGORY

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Young Artist of the Year The Joe Humphries Memorial Award

**Awarded to a young
person who demonstrates
real skill, innovation, and
expression in:**

- visual arts
- expressive arts
- literature, or
- music



Joe was a talented young person with a passion for the arts. Joe passed away unexpectedly in 2012 with SADS (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome). Visit www.jhmt.org.uk to learn more.

How to nominate

Visit leicestershire.gov.uk/llawards to make your nomination online. If you'd like to receive a nomination form by post please call 0116 305 6002. Nominations to be received by 14th February 2025.

NB. Previous finalists cannot be considered again unless the nomination is for a different or additional achievement.

For more information and to read the inspirational stories of past finalists visit leicestershire.gov.uk/llawards.

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