

Celebrating Rochdale Diversity Awards 2014

Do you know someone who deserves that extra little bit of recognition? Applications are now open for the Rochdale Diversity Awards 2014

What are the Rochdale Diversity Awards?

The Rochdale Diversity Awards promote the excellent work being done by individuals, groups and organisations in supporting and promoting equality, diversity and cohesion within the borough. The awards aim to motivate service providers by ensuring equality and diversity issues are central to the remodelling and transformation of local services and organisations affected by austerity measures.



Some of the winners at the 2013 Awards

In the context of the awards, the term “minority communities” refers to all groups who are underrepresented in the community for any reason, including: age, health, race, ethnic origin, religion, gender, sexuality or disability. This list is not exhaustive and could also include other groups, e.g.. lone parents, homeless, drugs or alcohol misusers, and refugees or asylum seekers.

Nomination Categories

The Rochdale Diversity Awards aim to:

- Raise the profile of and promote positively the excellent work being done by individuals, groups and organisations in supporting and promoting services for people from minority communities.
- Highlight employers and individuals who embrace and champion equality and diversity within their organisation and/or service delivery.
- Showcase positive case studies that address the diversity/equality challenges within the borough.
- Raise aspirations and inspire minority communities and organisations working with the local community into further action to maximise the potential of individuals and communities.

Rochdale Diversity Awards have been created to recognise the contributions made by individuals and organisations in their respective areas of work.

Award Nominations

We are looking for individuals, groups and/or organisations that have made a 'positive difference' to equality in our borough by supporting, contributing and or delivering in one or more of the Award categories listed below.

The Rochdale Diversity Awards 2014 award categories are:

1. Cohesion Award

Sponsored by Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership

Nominate an individual, group or organisation in the private, public or 3rd sector that has made an outstanding contribution to championing and/or improving cohesion within the borough.



2. Workforce Diversity Award

Sponsored by Language Empire

Nominate an organisation that has championed equality and diversity in their workplace to achieve a balanced workforce that is reflective of their local community/customer-base, creating awareness, developing opportunities, supporting progression and retention of people from minority communities.



3. Diversity in Apprenticeships

Sponsored by Rochdale Training

Nominate a learning provider or an employer that has been supportive in encouraging and increasing the take-up of Apprenticeships within minority communities or has made significant efforts to attract and employ apprenticeships from the minority communities.



4. Diversity in Education Award

Sponsored by Great Places Housing Group

This award aims to highlight the important role schools, colleges and education providers play in cohesion and to highlight best practice in promoting, sharing and/or teaching about cohesive communities.



5. Diversity in Health Award

Sponsored by The Regenda Group

Nominate an individual or organisation in the public, 3rd or health sector that has made an outstanding contribution to improving health (outcomes and/or services) for minority communities in the Borough.



6. Diversity in Housing Award

Sponsored by Rochdale Boroughwide Housing

Nominate an individual or organisation in the public/housing sector that has made an outstanding contribution to improving housing and/or related services within minority communities in the Borough.



7. Diversity in Leisure Award

Sponsored by Rochdale Community Transport

This award aims to showcase the good work that takes place in our borough to promote minority community access, participation and/or employment in sports and leisure.



8. Diversity in Retail Award

Sponsored by Greater Manchester Police

This award aims to recognise the work done by the borough's retail sector in recognising and demonstrating their positive contribution to the diverse communities in the Borough of Rochdale.



9. Breaking Barriers Award

Sponsored by Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester

Organisations breaking boundaries and/or barriers to work with non-traditional communities. This award is to show organisations are ensuring their services are accessible and appropriate to the communities of the borough.



10. Voluntary & Faith Sector Award

Sponsored by Rochdale Borough Council

This award aims to highlight the role the voluntary and faith sectors have on cohesion and to showcase the work being done to support and promote cohesive communities in the borough.



Other Sponsors:



The nomination form and further details on the judging process can be accessed from KYP's website www.kyp.org.uk/rda. Nomination forms must reach KYP, Unique Enterprise Centre, Belfield Road, Rochdale, OL16 2UP by post or email no later than **12.00 noon on Friday 30th May 2014.**

The award ceremony for the 2014 Awards will be held on Thursday 19th June 2014 at Rochdale Town Hall.

If you require further information or clarification about the Awards, then please e-mail Zulf Ahmed on rda@kyp.org.uk or call **01706 630140**.