



Ariennir gan  
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Protecting  
Asylum Seekers and  
Refugees in

# NATION OF SANCTUARY AWARDS **2023**



# NATION OF SANCTUARY AWARDS 2023 NOMINATION CRITERIA



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. If your nominee has previously won a Sanctuary Award they should not be nominated again.
2. Self-nominations are not accepted.
3. Due to the large number of nominations received, Welsh Refugee Council will only contact shortlisted nominations. Some candidates may be contacted as part of the due diligence process.
4. All nominees would need to be residents in Wales at the time of submission.
5. Your application cannot be saved and started again at another time, you will need to set aside enough time to complete the application in one sitting.
6. You can enter your nominee in more than one category, but you will need to complete a fresh application each time you do so.
7. You cannot amend an application once submitted.
8. **DEADLINE** for nominations is February 13 (10am), 2023.

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## English Learner Award

Honouring individuals for their contribution and or personal development to the English language.

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- They are an asylum seeker or refugee
- Second language English learner
- Demonstrate exceptional English language skills OR demonstrate significant personal development using language
- Engaged in English classes within the last five years
- This award is for an individual, not a group.
- This award is open to individuals over 18 years old.

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## Welsh Language Learner Award

Honouring individuals for their contribution and or personal development to the Welsh language.

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- They are an asylum seeker or refugee
- Second or third language Welsh language learner
- Demonstrate exceptional Welsh language skills
- Demonstrate significant personal development using the Welsh language
- This award is for an individual, not a group.
- This award is open to individuals over 18 years old.

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## Volunteer of the Year Award

The Volunteer of the Year Award is given in recognition of the dedication and commitment made by an individual volunteering in the charitable, public, or private sector supporting asylum seekers and refugees.

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- Individuals must have volunteered for at least six months with your organisation and have been actively volunteering in the last two years.
- Volunteering activities must directly benefit asylum seekers and refugee.
- This award is for an individual, not a group.
- This award is open to individuals over 18 years old.



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## Woman Of The Year Award

Each year we seek out the women who are breaking new ground, disrupting the status quo, and transforming the lives of those around them, to invite them to a shared space where their achievements, ambitions and compassion can be celebrated.

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- This award is open to individuals (not a group) over 18 years old.
- They are an asylum seeker or refugee
- Demonstrate significant personal accomplishments for a person, who self-defines as a woman. (Community work or workplace achievements).

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## Contribution to the Arts Award

We are seeking artistic and creative individuals (or groups) who's work has expressed solidarity and welcome with/for asylum seekers and refugees in Wales.

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- They must be an individual or groups working in the arts that benefit asylum seekers and refugees.
- Your art could be dance, song, pottery, fine art, poetry, crafting,
- This award is for an individual OR a group of people.

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## Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award will celebrate an individual who leads the way for their business/employer – an individual who is all about getting things done and leading the charge!

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- They are an asylum seeker or refugee
- Evidence of a successful business owner OR can demonstrate significant personal development through their career.
- A willingness to find solutions to challenges and problems
- This award is for an individual.
- This award is open to individuals over 18 years old.



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## Refugee Sportsperson Of The Year

Honouring the skill and achievements of sportspeople in Wales.

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- They are an asylum seeker or refugee.
- Demonstrate significant achievement OR skill in the field of sport.
- Demonstrate dedication to their team, club, group or sport.
- Your sport could be community level, amateur level or professional level.
- This award is for an individual.
- This award is open to individuals over 18 years old.

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## Leader of the Future Award

The 'Leaders of the Future' awards recognise asylum seekers and refugees whose contributions are promising a bright future for them and the sector or community they serve.

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- Be an asylum seeker or refugee
- Between the ages of 16 - 30 (must be under the age of 30 before the nomination deadline date).
- Demonstrate significant achievement for a person under the age of 30.
- This award is for an individual.

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## Nation of Sanctuary Award

Nominee eligibility criteria:

- This award is for a group or business. This group or business can be within the third, public or private sector.
- Lead change – breaking down barriers and initiating new and innovative approaches to global challenges.
- Empower others – recognising, supporting, and amplifying the voices of marginalised communities, groups, or people.
- Influence others – aspiring to challenge norms and bringing other leaders at all levels with them.
- Demonstrate exceptional contribution to supporting asylum seekers or refugees in Wales in the last 18 months.