



Do you know an amazing individual or group who deserves a Nation of Sanctuary award? Nominate them [here](#).

Deadline for Nominations: March 31 (11:59PM), 2024

Important Information

- Self-nominations are **not** accepted.
- Previous Nation of Sanctuary Award winners **cannot** be nominated again.
- Due to the large number of nominations, Welsh Refugee Council will only contact shortlisted nominees.
- Nominees **must** be residing or based in Wales at the time of submission.
- You can nominate more than one nominee in the same category or different categories.
- You can enter the same nominee in more than one category. **You will need to complete a fresh application each time you do so.**
- You **cannot** amend an application once submitted.

Nomination Criteria for Nation of Sanctuary Awards 2024

Award Type	Nomination Criteria
<p>English Language Learner <i>Honouring individuals for their contribution to or personal development in the English language.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to individual asylum-seekers or refugees living in Wales aged 18+ • Nominees must not be native English speakers and must have engaged in ESOL classes within the last 5 years • Nominees should demonstrate exceptional English-language skills OR significant personal development through language
<p>Welsh Language Learner <i>Honouring individuals for their contribution to or personal development in the Welsh language.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to individual asylum-seekers or refugees living in Wales aged 18+ • Nominees should demonstrate exceptional Welsh language skills OR significant personal development using the Welsh language
<p>Volunteer of the Year <i>Recognising the dedication and commitment of a volunteer in the charitable, public, or private sector supporting asylum seekers and refugees.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to individual asylum-seekers or refugees living in Wales aged 18+ • Individuals must have volunteered for at least Six Months with your organisation, and have been actively volunteering within the last two years. • These volunteering activities must directly benefit asylum seekers and refugees.
<p>Woman of the Year <i>This award celebrates courageous, compassionate women who are breaking new ground, disrupting the status quo, and transforming the lives of those around them.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to individual asylum-seekers or refugees aged 18+, who are women or identify as women, including transwomen. • Nominees should demonstrate significant accomplishments via community work, career

	<p>achievements, personal development or a combination of factors.</p>
<p>Contribution to the Arts <i>Recognising artistic and creative individuals or groups whose work has expressed solidarity with or welcome for sanctuary seekers in Wales.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to individuals OR groups working in the arts in Wales • Nominees can be asylum-seekers or refugees, or an individual or group whose work directly benefits asylum-seekers and refugees. • Nominees can be active in any field within arts and culture, including but not limited to music, visual arts, literature, dance, theatre, storytelling, textiles and multimedia.
<p>Entrepreneurial Spirit <i>Celebrating an individual who leads the way for their business or employer -someone who is all about getting things done and leading the charge.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to individual asylum-seekers or refugees living in Wales aged 18+ • Nominees must demonstrate initiative, innovation and commitment to excellence in establishing or owning a business. • Examples of evidence provided in the nomination form include number of people employed, customer testimonials, business growth and expansion plans, and other factors.
<p>Contribution to Sport <i>Celebrating sanctuary seekers of all ages whose achievements promise a bright future for them and their sector or community.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to individual asylum-seekers or refugees living in Wales aged 18+ OR individuals in Wales working directly with sanctuary-seekers in a sports context, including coaches and instructors. • Nominees must demonstrate significant achievement or skill in a sport, OR a commitment to

	<p>improving the well-being and integration of sanctuary-seekers through sport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The award is open to any competitive or non-competitive sport at the community, amateur, or professional level.
<p>Rising Star <i>Celebrating sanctuary seekers aged 16-30 whose achievements promise a bright future for them and their sector or community.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to an individual asylum-seeker or refugee living in Wales aged 16-30 (nominee must be no younger than 16 and no older than 30 at the time of the nomination). • Nominees must demonstrate significant achievement, leadership and commitment at school, work or in their community.
<p>Nation of Sanctuary Award <i>The Nation of Sanctuary Award is the highlight and final award of the evening. It celebrates a group or organisation for demonstrating exceptional contributions to supporting sanctuary seekers in Wales.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to an organisation, group or business based in Wales within the third, public or private sector. • Nominees must demonstrate exceptional contributions to supporting sanctuary seekers in Wales over the last 12 months • Nominations must demonstrate how the nominee meets the following criteria: <p>Leading change: breaking down barriers and initiating new and innovative approaches to global challenges.</p> <p>Empowering others: recognising, supporting, and amplifying the voices of marginalised communities, groups, or people.</p>

	Influencing: challenging norms and bringing other leaders along with them
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