Swansea City of Sanctuary

Abertawe Dinas Noddfa

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Sanctuary

Awards

2017

Information for Organisations

What are the Swansea Sanctuary Awards?

City of Sanctuary is based on the vision of a network of towns and cities permeated by a culture of hospitality, where people seeking sanctuary from violence and persecution in their own countries can find welcome, support, and understanding.

In Swansea, significant **practical actions** have been taken by local organisations which are likely to increase welcome, support and understanding for sanctuary seekers and refugees.

The 2nd annual Swansea Sanctuary Awards will be given on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at the Wales Cities of Sanctuary Celebration.

Why get involved?

Sanctuary Awards recognise the fantastic work our pledged organisations do to make Swansea a City of Sanctuary. It is an opportunity to celebrate the many and varied contributions to this movement.

Awards are valid for three years without further assessment, during which time you will be able to highlight your status as a Sanctuary Award winner in all PR and communications activity, demonstrating your contribution to the Swansea community and beyond.

Who can win an Award?

The Awards are given by the City of Sanctuary movement to recognise genuine commitment to core sanctuary values:

1. **Learn** about what it means to be seeking sanctuary; and be actively involved in awareness raising
2. **Embed - take positive action** to make welcome and inclusion part of the values of your organisation or community, to support sanctuary seekers and refugees, and to include them in your activities
3. **Share your vision and achievements; let others know about the positive contribution refugees make to our society and the benefits of a welcoming culture to everyone**

A Sanctuary Award can be given to a group or organisation, such as:

* Schools
* Health service providers
* Theatres and concert halls
* Art galleries and libraries
* Community groups
* Places of worship and faith-based groups
* Businesses
* Sports facilities
* Supporting organisations

Nominations can be submitted by, or on behalf of the nominated organisation.

How do I submit a nomination?

Organisations are asked to submit a written application with evidence demonstrating that the organisation addresses the three core values.

* Please demonstrate how your organisation has addressed these three core values **beyond its previous normal day-to-day running**.
* Evidence can be collected through self-evaluation and through consulting with sanctuary seekers.
* Nominations should be no longer than 4 pages, including supporting evidence. Only photos can be submitted in addition to these 4 pages.
* Please be aware that Swansea City of Sanctuary may use any information you supply for publicity / presentations. If you include quotes / photographs, please confirm that this is acceptable to persons concerned.
* Nominations must be submitted to rebecca@dpia.org.uk by 5pm on Friday 10th February.
* The nomination will be judged by a small judging panel. The judging panel may request a visit to the nominated organisation during the appraisal.

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As follow up to the award, the successful organisation will be expected to:

* Spread the word about sanctuary within peer and other available circles
* Participate in reviews of the award status at least every three years, and develop a system of conducting an internal review annually.

For further information and guidance, please contact Eleri Williams – eleri@dpia.org.uk / 07496 172898.

Good luck!