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ENGLAND ATHLETICS

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AWARDS '23



The England Athletics Regional Volunteer Awards are back for 2023

The Regional Volunteer Awards, organised in partnership with Regional Councils, celebrate the fantastic contribution that volunteers make to our sport. Within your local club and community, so many people go above and beyond to provide quality athletics and running experiences. The awards are a great way to say thank you for the time and commitment volunteers put in. As a sport we're indebted to the volunteers who make athletics and running happen.

Through these awards, you can recognise:

- Individuals
- Clubs
- Projects
- Volunteers
- Officials
- Club leaders



Nominate now: www.EnglandAthletics.org/volunteerawards

Nominations close 26 July 2023

REGIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS '23

The Regional Volunteer Awards provide a platform to bring these stories to life, thank amazing people and appropriately recognise achievements from those involved in our sport.

- Nominations will be live from 10th May until 26th July 2023
- Nine regional volunteer events will be held in October and November 2023. Those who are shortlisted for an award will be invited to attend.
- Regional winners will be shortlisted for National Awards (scheduled to take place in Jan/Feb 2024).
- Full details about the awards, categories and how to nominate can be found on the England Athletics website.
- For further info please contact Rich Ayling: rayling@englandathletics.org 07718 394751

Nominate your local volunteer, club or project now!



COACH OF THE YEAR

This category is targeted at coaches that hold a valid UKA coaching licence and have a minimum qualification of L2, CIRF or Athletics Coach. Nominations will be purely based on voluntary work. This award is open to coaches volunteering in road running and track & field settings. We are looking for nominations that highlight how a coach has inspired athletes/groups and developed you or the athletes by creating a fantastic training environment.

CLUB OF THE YEAR

This is targeted at affiliated clubs. Club of the Year will focus on clubs that have strived to improve by working towards achieving club standards, can demonstrate what they are doing to improve member experience and how the club is inclusive in its approach. We are looking for nominations that highlight how special the club is for their members.

COMMUNITY PROJECT OF THE YEAR

This award provides affiliated clubs, RunTogether groups and associated partners a platform to highlight the projects they have put in place that benefit the community. This award is more than athletics and running – it is about how projects linked to athletics and running have had a positive impact on the community. Examples of nominations could be – projects targeted at a specific audience, a project that has raised funds for a local charity, an initiative that has supported deprived individuals or through running/athletics how different sectors of the community have benefited through the efforts of volunteers.

NEWCOMER TO VOLUNTEERING

This will recognise achievements of new volunteers who have got involved in volunteering within athletics/running over the last 24 months. Potential nominations could be for – parents helping at club nights, dedicated young volunteers supporting club sessions, volunteers supporting local events or a new volunteer making a big difference in a local club.

CLUB LEADER OF THE YEAR

This is targeted at a current club leader from an affiliated club who is highly visible. The award highlights the importance of leadership within clubs & is targeted at committee members, working group leads and individuals who have been instrumental in their club's development and driving change/club improvements.

SERVICES TO ATHLETICS & RUNNING

This award celebrates volunteers who have been involved for a minimum of 15 years and have had a huge impact on running, athletics, clubs, and the local community. We are looking for nominations that celebrate an individual's contribution to athletics and running. Fantastic nominations typically highlight the range of roles an individual has been involved in and what the sport means to them.

INSPIRING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

This award is targeted at all licenced officials. The award celebrates excellence across officiating – this could be for service to the sport for many years, the dedication and commitment an individual has shown to progress through the officiating pathway, officiating at major competitions or an official who has gone above and beyond to improve an athletes experience on competition day. This award is an opportunity to thank officials who make our licenced competitions happen.

CONTRIBUTION TO RUNNING

New for 2023 is the contribution to running category. This award provides competition providers, affiliated clubs, RunTogether groups and associated partners a platform to highlight the running opportunities they have provided through volunteers. (Please note that this category celebrates off track running, so includes road, trail, fell/mountain running and cross-country running). We expect to have a wide range of nominations in this category and for example the type of nomination we are looking for may include – beginner running initiatives, running focused projects, races/events that provide a fantastic experience and initiatives that promote health and well-being through running.

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