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Welcome to the Social Worker of the Year Awards

Thank you so much for joining us on this very special evening. It is wonderful to see so many members of the social work community come together to celebrate the profession and recognise outstanding successes and achievements.

Since the awards were established in 2006, they have grown to become the most prestigious and highly-anticipated event in the social work calendar. This year the awards received more nominations than ever before!

As we all await the long promised Green Paper on adult social care, we can already see how great social work is a vital part of building personal care. We can see the progress being made by the strengthening debate about models of practice to work effectively with children and families. As we go to press, there is also an important debate underway about the role of social work in the restriction of people's liberty. This current context displays the enduring truth that social work is about rights, social and personal change through practice that empowers people so that they can 'live a good life'. The awards is a chance to stand tall and show that contribution, shown throughout our nominations and particularly by those who are shortlisted for tonight's awards.

We're delighted that Ashley John-Baptiste, care leaver and BBC reporter, is hosting tonight and we'd also like to thank the following people, as without them the awards simply would not be possible...

Thank you to our headline sponsor, Sanctuary Social Care, our corporate partner, the British Association of Social Workers and to our new Media Partner, The Guardian Jobs, for your support. We would also like to thank our existing category supporters – Barnardo's, UNISON, Tees Valley Local Authority Child and Adult Services, Essex County Council, Devon County Council, Bradford Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Kent County Council and Hampshire County Council, and welcome on board our new supporters for this year – Servelec HSC, Sunderland City Council, North Lincolnshire Council, the London Borough of Lambeth and Children's Social Work Matters.

We'd also like to thank Social Work Education: The International Journal for sponsoring the drinks reception and Kirwin Maclean Associates, who have provided generous book vouchers for all finalists.

Thank you to our patrons – Lorraine Pascale, Tim Loughton MP, Emma Lewell-Buck MP and Baroness Valerie Howarth OBE who are champions for the profession, and to our 45 judges who read and reviewed this year's entries, for giving their time and sharing their expertise so willingly.

But most of all we would like to thank and congratulate our finalists. Thank you for your unwavering passion, dedication and commitment and for working so tirelessly to achieve the best possible outcomes. Congratulations to you all - you should be very proud of your achievements.

The Board of Trustees

From top (L-R): James Rook, Ana Popovici, Beverley Williams MBE, Rob Mitchell, Peter Hay CBE and Joanna Nicolas.

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Lorraine Pascale

"I am delighted to be a patron of the Social Worker of the Year Awards. I spent some of my childhood in care so I know from personal experience that the role of the social worker is so critical and important. I am particularly passionate about raising awareness of fostering and it is vital to recognise those involved at every stage of the process, who have had a positive impact on young people's lives."

Emma Lewell-Buck MP

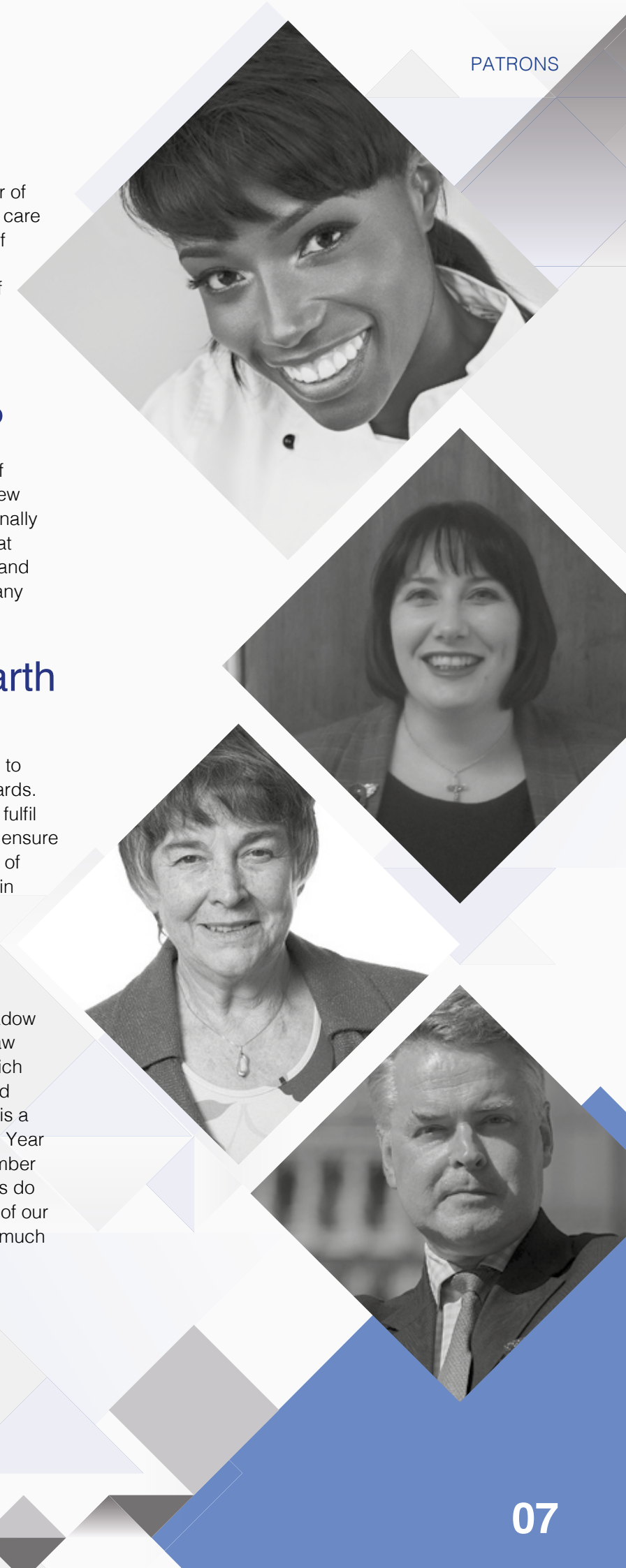
"I am thrilled to be a patron of the Social Worker of the Year Awards. I know first-hand that there are few jobs more emotionally difficult and yet more personally rewarding than being a social worker. It's great that there is now a place that recognises the fantastic and vital work of the social work profession and the many outstanding individual contributions to society."

Baroness Valerie Howarth of Breckland OBE

"Social work has been my life and I am committed to ensuring that the profession maintains high standards. I am therefore absolutely delighted to be asked to fulfil this role and hope that I will be able to do more to ensure that the future of social work remains at the centre of Government. The awards play a very special part in contributing to maintaining these goals."

Tim Loughton MP

"During my time as Children's Minister and as Shadow Children's Minister for many years before that, I saw first-hand the dedication and compassion with which our social workers care for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children, families and adults. So it is a privilege to be a patron of the Social Worker of the Year Awards. It is a cause I hugely respect and I remember well meeting the first winner of the title. The awards do a great deal to recognise the extraordinary efforts of our social workers, who give so much and give up so much to help others."





Caroline Dinenage MP

Social workers are busy transforming lives at the heart of our care and support system – and thanks to events like the Social Worker of the Year Awards, many more of us are discovering how, where and why.

So, I'm honoured to have this opportunity to celebrate the amazing work you do, and the hugely positive impact you have on the lives of some of the most marginalised and excluded people in our society.

Your advice and advocacy, empathetic understanding of people's needs, and your engagement with statutory and community services, make you indispensable experts in the care of others.

These awards are as much a celebration of the people you have helped as they are of your skills, knowledge and humanity. Be as proud of them as you should rightly be of yourselves.

There is still much to do, of course, to improve public and media perceptions of social work – and that includes working to raise awareness and engagement among clinicians and other care partners. I am committed to that endeavour and to taking your wise counsel on how we can help more people get the most out of our care and support system.

Together, we must continue to demonstrate the positive difference you make in your communities and celebrate the work you do to forge local relationships, develop community resources and help more people lead happy, healthy and rewarding lives.

Caroline Dinenage MP
Minister of State for Care



Lyn Romeo

It's a great privilege to be involved with the Social Worker of the Year Awards once again. This year I sat on the judging panel for the Adult Social Worker of the Year and Best Social Work Employer of the Year categories and the nominations were, as always, of an exceptionally high standard.

These awards are a great celebration of our profession and highlight outstanding social work practice which has made a positive difference to individuals and their families. Now, more than ever, social workers have to walk the tightrope of supporting people who are dealing with the challenges of difficult circumstances. Managing with fewer resources to support them, while ensuring they work with and alongside people to make the very best of the strengths, resources and opportunities to achieve best possible lives

As social workers we are privileged to have the opportunity to work with so many individuals and families in various contexts to support them to live the lives they want to lead. We don't often get the opportunity to reflect on the valuable work of our profession and really celebrate what it is we do. That is why I am so delighted that the Social Worker of the Year Awards allows us the opportunity to come together and celebrate our achievements.

It is great to see social workers enjoying the all too rare acknowledgement of the crucial and courageous work they do in communities across the country. Congratulations to all of this year's finalists.

Lyn Romeo
Chief Social Worker for Adults (England)



Damian Hinds MP

I am delighted to give my support to the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2018, recognising the brilliant individuals and organisations nominated, as well as providing inspiration for the next generation of social workers.

Social workers directly change lives for the better on a daily basis. Every day individuals and teams work tirelessly to ensure better futures for the most vulnerable in our society. As Secretary of State I am committed to supporting and recognising this crucial work.

A confident, knowledgeable and highly skilled social care workforce is essential to keep making positive impacts on the lives of children and families. Like all of those nominated for these awards, as well as thousands of others across the country, I am determined to ensure that we provide the best possible care and secure the best possible outcomes for those children and families who are often dealing with issues that many of us will never have to go through. Indeed, I know when it comes to social work, celebrating the successes can never be quite what it is in other workplaces. Not because they aren't hard-won but because success is rarely something you will hear about, success is what to many families feels like normal.

Many congratulations to this year's outstanding finalists and all those who have taken part. It is a great opportunity to celebrate achievements together and I thank you all for your continuing dedication and care.

The Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP
Secretary of State for Education



Isabelle Trowler

I am delighted and honoured to be a judge once again for this year's Social Worker of the Year Awards. It is always a real pleasure reading through the many inspiring nominations, and to see the increasing number and calibre of entries year on year, evidencing the great work being done across the country to improve the lives of children and families.

Judging the entries for the Creative and Innovative Social Work Practice category this year was particularly motivating. Energetic and passionate individuals and teams focussed on improving outcomes for children and families, and thinking outside of the box to find new and innovative solutions to achieve this vision, is exactly what makes our profession so incredible and unique.

It is clear from the nominations and my visits across the country that the profession is made up of truly amazing people, working tirelessly to provide the crucial services so many vulnerable people rely on. Yet, our profession seldom attracts headlines for its (many) successes. While I firmly believe social workers should be celebrated all year round for the crucial work they do, the Social Worker of the Year Awards are a wonderful opportunity to put the spotlight on great practice and great people.

I look forward to celebrating with the winners soon.

Isabelle Trowler
Chief Social Worker for Children and Families (England)

Sanctuary Social Care

Firstly, I would like to say congratulations to all of tonight's nominees; what you have achieved has been truly remarkable and I hope that everyone in this room can take a few moments to sit and reflect upon the positive impact that you have made on a person's life.

We first became involved in the Social Worker of the Year Awards eight years ago and I am proud to have taken this journey alongside Beverley Williams MBE who initiated this wonderful celebration. When we began, it was our aim to grow these awards to become the highlight of the social work sector and I'm sure you'll agree that we have achieved this goal. But it's important to recognise that these awards are not just about this evening. It's not even about the work that you've undertaken this year – it's about the personal impact that you have made upon society throughout your careers; the people that you've helped and the families whose lives have been improved thanks to your tireless efforts.

The Social Worker of the Year Awards have a legacy beyond that of this evening. I honestly believe that it's become bigger than any of us here tonight realise; its opened the doors to help us say "thank you". Whether it's thanking a colleague for the work that they've done, or a quick pat on the back from a manager, these awards have reminded us of the importance of recognising your hard work and dedication, and of taking pride in the work that you do.

So, as well as offering my heartfelt congratulations to everyone tonight, I would also like to say, "thank you".

Thank you to every single person who is working within the social work profession. Your dedication to supporting the lives of vulnerable people and their families is truly heroic and I hope that you understand how much we value what you do.

Good luck to everyone tonight, I hope you all enjoy the evening.

James Rook

Chief Executive, Sanctuary Social Care

We are proud to be headline sponsor of the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2018.

We are lucky enough to work with many inspiring social workers across the country, often supporting them throughout their entire careers. The level of passion and commitment shown in this profession is something to celebrate and we will do all we can to help social workers gain the recognition they deserve.

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British Association of Social Workers

Every year the Social Worker of the Year Awards for England develop and grow. Under the excellent leadership of Peter Hay, this is clearly continuing and BASW is once again very pleased to be corporate sponsor for this major event in the social work calendar.

I am particularly pleased that the awards have developed this year to give a stronger voice to people who use social work services in how we judge excellence and what is most important about what we do. Our purpose and claim to doing well is ultimately all about how individuals, families and communities experience and value us and what we offer.

I am also delighted that a new 'Making a Difference' category has been created for social workers working outside of local authorities. Social workers contribute their skills and dedication in such diverse roles across different sectors, employment contexts and fields of practice. It is wonderful to see the Awards expanding to recognise this diversity. BASW is committed to celebrating and supporting the importance of social workers bringing their values and expertise to diverse roles, helping to create better lives and a better society in so many ways, working alongside colleagues in statutory roles, often providing vital and meaningful preventive, tailored and early support.

Social work needs to keep developing to meet the needs of a changing society – while preserving and building on the best of past models and practices. One of the most valuable aspects of the Awards is the way it brings together people new to the profession with specialists from diverse fields, people who have dedicated long careers to practice, those who work in social work education and research, and professional leaders. Through this the Awards bring social workers together as one profession - all valuable and important contributors in the lives of citizens, and all with interrelated

capabilities from which we can learn from each other across professional and service boundaries. The Awards recognise all the qualities society needs from social workers – innovation, tenacity, staying power, fresh perspectives, commitment and a relentless focus on quality and achievements for the adults, children, families and communities we serve. These are precious qualities that we must treasure and nurture for the future of a healthy, sustainable profession.

We need to honour the commitment that thousands of new entrants to the profession show each year, and we need to make sure that job roles, access to ongoing professional development, emotional and wellbeing support and the time and space to develop strong peer and collective professional identity are available. This will only happen through partnership between social work leaders and organisations and employers. The Awards is one of the places we all come together to share common purpose and a commitment to improving social work - and great working conditions for social work practice - across the country.

The context of doing social work in England continues to be challenging in many localities and organisations. Public services have experienced many years of austerity cuts in funding and more people of all ages are experiencing poverty and other social problems. This has not got any easier this year compared to last. Social workers are having to cover more ground and show even more resilience, creativity and determination to uphold excellent standards in often difficult circumstances. I hope these Awards act as a motivation and inspiration for social workers everywhere and show what is possible through working with love and dedication in the privilege of being in our profession

Dr Ruth Allen
Chief Executive
BASW





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This year we are celebrating not only the 70th birthday of the NHS, but also the 70th anniversary of the National Assistance Act, which turned the page on the grim history of the Poor Law, and the 50th anniversary of the Seebohm report, which created modern social services. Uniquely among national media, The Guardian has marked not just the first of these, but all three milestones.

Perhaps that's not surprising. For almost 40 years, the Society Guardian section has cast an informed spotlight on social policy and public services, first in print and now also online. Our website, the most trusted UK newspaper site, reaches 10 million regular readers across the globe, including social workers in other countries, who are drawn to our award-winning journalism. Almost 900,000 of them now show their support for our work by making financial contributions.

Our Social Lives surveys of UK social workers' lives and views, on everything from training and supervision to hot-desking and car parking, have shaped debate in the profession and helped employers find and keep the best talent. And when it comes to recruitment, there is no better platform than our Guardian Jobs site.

We understand the challenges in recruitment and can help employers tackle shortages in the sector by getting their brand seen by active and passive job seekers across the site. We offer a conversation with 88,000 people with registered interest in social care jobs, and each month reach a further 144,000 users looking at such roles.*

By sponsoring content across our Society section, employers can enhance their brand awareness and identify as thought leaders on pressing issues of the day.

To quote that cliché in full, they used to say "Guardian-reading, sandal-wearing social workers". The occasional sandal may still be spotted, but on the whole it's a thing of the past. Reading The Guardian, we're happy to say, is more than ever in fashion.

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*Source: Google Analytics, January - August 2018, Pamco 2 2018

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Sources: Google Analytics, January - August 2018

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Devon County Council

Devon County Council is proud to support the Mental Health Social Worker of the Year Award and to celebrate the life changing impact that mental health social workers are having on the lives of so many individuals and families living with mental health challenges.

In a world more connected than ever, more people are struggling with isolation and loneliness and the significant negative effects it has on good mental and physical health. In Devon our Health and Wellbeing Board is prioritising the prevention of loneliness and the impact this can have.

Mental health challenges are experienced by people of all ages and backgrounds, so the support that mental health social workers provide, focussing on things that matter to individuals and families is as wide-ranging and as unique as the individuals and families themselves.

Mental health social workers have an incredibly challenging and vital role enabling individuals and families to manage the challenges that they might have in their lives like relationships, housing, and employment.

They help provide stability and an environment that can support good mental health for people to get well and stay well.

In Devon, our STP is focussed on improving access to good quality, timely mental health services in the community. We know the vital role that mental health social workers continue to make as leaders in multi-disciplinary teams; supporting colleagues to challenge the status quo, offering new approaches and doing the things that matter for individuals and families. We are proud to support this award.

Jennie Stephens

Chief Officer for Adult Care and Health
Devon County Council



Tees Valley Local Authority Child and Adult Services

The Tees Valley Local Authority Child and Adult Services are delighted to sponsor the new Making a Difference Award recognising the achievements of social workers who work in the independent, voluntary or regulatory sector making their contribution to improving the lives of children and vulnerable adults.

The Tees Valley is made up of five local authorities, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton. It is located in North East England, nestled between North Yorkshire and County Durham. The area is beautiful and diverse, home to vibrant towns, picturesque villages and impressive historic venues. We have some of the most stunning countryside on our doorstep, as well as impressive coastlines framed by our dramatic industrial heritage, making it the ideal place to work and live.

Tees Valley local authorities work together across the sub region to make sure that children and vulnerable adults receive the highest quality of care and support.

We value collaboration and partnership working recognising the skills and contribution those who work in the independent, voluntary and regulatory sector bring to our local arrangements.

All the local authorities highly value social work, making sure that those most vulnerable in society are protected, valued and supported to better futures. Find out more about the Tees Valley at tvliveworkplay.co.uk

Sally Robinson

Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services
Hartlepool Borough Council



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Bradford Council

Bradford Council are delighted to be taking part in the very prestigious Social Worker of the Year Awards, sponsoring the category of 'Student Social Worker of the Year'.

This year we are very proud to have been successful in a bid submitted to the Department of Education, to establish a Social Work Teaching Partnership in Bradford. The partnership brings together Bradford Councils Adult and Childrens social work, Bradford College and the University of Bradford to provide a holistic approach in teaching and to the recruitment of social workers. We have a strong commitment to the development of our social workers including an ASYE offer to all our newly qualified social workers.

Bradford is an extremely proud employer of social work and thus we believe in ground breaking and innovative practice which provides the best possible platform for social workers to practice from across the district.

Our Vision 'Home First' aims to set out our ambition and wellbeing in the Bradford District. We have called the vision Home First because we firmly believe that people

who need help from social care in Bradford would want us to do as much as we can to make sure that they are supported to stay in their own homes. Social Workers in Bradford support adults to remain in control and exercise genuine choice regardless of the level of health and social care support that they may require. Being around family, friends and in your own home is the best place to feel happy, healthy and in control of your life. We want everyone in Bradford to have the opportunity to live as long as possible in good health which includes being supported to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Bev Maybury

Strategic Director, Department of Health & Wellbeing
Bradford Council

North Lincolnshire Council

North Lincolnshire Council is delighted to be a part of the Social Worker of the Year Awards and proud to sponsor the Practice Educator of the Year Award. We offer skilled, knowledgeable and experienced practice educators who can deliver creative opportunities within a learning environment for those who are embarking on their social work career.

The shared vision across the council is working together with the people of North Lincolnshire and partners to keep people safe and well in communities that flourish where North Lincolnshire is a great place to live, work, invest and visit.

Our ambition for children and the determination to achieve this was recognised by Ofsted in 2017 who stated that:

The local authority has created an environment in which good practice can thrive and in which social workers can build effective and consistent relationships with children.

Strong links with local schools, colleges and Universities have been sustained over time enabling us to generate an excitement about social work in North Lincolnshire and shape and influence the curriculum based on local and national issues.

Practice educators are instrumental in achieving this and ensure that high quality social work is developed and embedded within students practice to equip them with the skills to make a positive difference to children and families.

These awards provide a great opportunity to celebrate the real difference that social workers make in people's lives and we offer our congratulations and thanks to all who were nominated, the finalists and award winners.

Ann-Marie Brierley

Head of Safeguarding Children
North Lincolnshire Council

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Hampshire County Council

Social work plays an important role in our society. It can be a rewarding profession, helping to repair relationships and look after vulnerable people. It can also be a difficult and demanding job. That's why Hampshire County Council is delighted to sponsor these awards to highlight some of the fantastic work undertaken by social workers across the country.

We have been closely associated with the awards through our sponsorship for some years, and this year are delighted to be continuing that association by sponsoring the 'Creative and Innovative Social Work Practice' category.

This exciting category enables those in the profession to showcase alternative ideas and solutions for improving the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, and that creativity, flair and innovation feature widely in the social care arena.

Hampshire County Council is proud of its reputation for real commitment to social care, for innovation and for working in positive ways with stakeholders. We are committed to excellence, and to recognising the vital

contribution both adult social care and children's social care practitioners make to society so that those who need care are valued, supported with compassion, and helped to live as independent a life as possible.

We hope these awards will continue to inspire and encourage new entrants to join our profession and support colleagues already working in this vital area to excel even more than they already do.

Graham Allen

Director of Adults' Health and Care
Hampshire County Council



Congratulations to all the finalists of the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2018.

We're proud to sponsor the award for Creative and Innovative Social Work Practice.



Kent County Council

We are delighted to be a part of the Social Worker of the Year Awards, celebrating the great work done by social workers in their communities.

Kent is changing and it's an exciting time for us as we turn our ambitions into realities and make Kent a county that works for all children. We work hard to provide our social workers with a fully supportive environment and we're proud to offer leadership and development opportunities which empower them to make a real difference to children's lives.

We recognise that social work is one of the hardest jobs in the public sector. We often need our social workers to build effective relationships with families in very difficult circumstances and we aim to give them the best tools and support available to enable those relationships to bring about change for children.

This is only possible in a culture which fosters excellence, where our people are encouraged to be creative and share ideas, and where collaboration for the good of Kent's children happens naturally.

We have a very clear vision within our children's services for all Kent children to feel safe, secure, loved, fulfilled, happy and optimistic.

Our goal is to promote a confident, knowledgeable and well-supported social work team working to the highest standards of practice. Only then can we achieve our driving ambition to deliver the best outcomes we can for all children, young people and their families

Matt Dunkley CBE

Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education
Kent County Council



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KCC are proud to sponsor the Team Leader Award. We recognise that Team Leaders motivate and inspire their social work teams and champion best practice, making a real difference to children's lives. Congratulations to all of this year's finalists.

Sunderland City Council

Sunderland City Council is delighted to be involved with the national Social Worker of the Year Awards and to be sponsoring the Team Leader of the Year, Adult Services Award.

Team Managers need to be at the heart of the changing environment of social care and health; they need to be innovative, partnership and community focussed. By embracing this role, they will be integral to ensuring that social work is at the heart of a wider systems approach that will improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in society. They are crucial in ensuring that our workforce is equipped, motivated and encouraged to promote excellent social work values and ethics.

A Team Leader is not just a manager; they are mentors, advisors, there to listen, and to challenge when needed. Team Leaders in Adult Social Care help raise the profile of social work through multi-agency working, representing the social work workforce in a multitude of

settings and partnership arrangements.

They are the forefront of delivering services in a number of different ways, from using assistive technology, asset and strength-based approaches, promoting safety, health and wellbeing and helping people maintain their independence.

We are delighted to be part of the Social Worker of the Year Awards and congratulate all of the nominees.

Fiona Brown

Executive Director of People Services
Sunderland City Council



London Borough of Lambeth

The London Borough of Lambeth are delighted to be sponsoring the Team of the Year, Children's Services award at this year's Social Worker of the Year Awards. We know that every day and in every part of the country, individual social workers can and do make a huge difference to the lives of children, young people and their families. We know too that when they are working as part of a powerful and well led team, they can make an even more dramatic difference. This award celebrates highly performing teams that are making such transformational impact.

In Lambeth we feel justly proud of the tremendous strides that children's services and our partners have made over the past 2-3 years. Our success in improving children's social care services from an Ofsted 'inadequate' judgement in 2015 to a 'requires improvement' rating earlier this year has been the direct result of team work at many levels – our team of political leaders and partners, our leadership team, our management teams and, most important of all, our

individual social work teams. Without these myriad teams pulling together with a shared mission of making lives better for children and young people, Lambeth's achievement would not have been possible.

London Borough of Lambeth would like to congratulate all of the teams that are honored at this year's awards and express our thanks and deep appreciation to those teams who have worked with such passion and commitment to improve the lives of children and families.

Annie Hudson

Strategic Director, Children's Services
London Borough of Lambeth



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UNISON is very happy to once again be involved in this year's Social Worker of the Year Awards and presenting the 'Team of the Year, Adult Services' award. As the largest trade union for social workers and the wider social care workforce we know the challenges they face and the differences they make to people's lives on a daily basis.

We are really pleased that a number of great social work teams are here tonight and that they are receiving some well-deserved recognition for the work they've done. We also applaud all the other social work teams across the country and the great unsung work they do.

As an organisation built on solidarity and togetherness, UNISON would like to pay tribute to the social work teams that practice effective team working on a daily basis. Great team work, alongside high-quality professionalism is at the heart of excellent public service and social work.

We also applaud the social workers across the country who are taking a stand through UNISON against the significant challenges facing the profession like

continued austerity, rising demand for services and growing caseloads. Their fight for better working conditions and genuine development opportunities will result in better services for the public.

UNISON hopes that all the attendees have a fantastic evening.

Jon Richards

Head of Local Government
UNISON

Children's Social Work Matters

Children's Social Work Matters (CSWM) is a collaboration of 15 local authorities across Yorkshire and the Humber. Despite the many challenges austerity presents to us all, we are committed to making our region the most collaborative, supportive and rewarding place in which to enjoy a career as a CSW. This is why we are particularly proud to sponsor the 'Newly Qualified Children's Social Worker of the Year' award.

We have listened to our CSWs and have been determined to change things for the better. Much work has been done to nurture, develop and support our workforce and we are now seeing the benefits of this investment through growing staff confidence and resilience in delivering modern day practice. In turn, staff morale and belief in their ability to make a difference in children's and families' lives has improved immeasurably.

We've made a pledge that we will give our CSWs: greater support, more time with children, a tailored induction process, support and opportunity to learn and develop; and better communications.

Our Children's Social Work Matters, a key part of CSWM, is a private online resource supporting the learning and development of CSWs, lecturers and students across our region. It provides a unique platform for members to talk with each other, share best practice and access key learning resources, including live monthly webinars.

By sharing a clear vision and best practice across Yorkshire and the Humber, we are making it easier for CSWs to make a difference in children's lives.

Rachel Dickinson

Executive Director – People Directorate, Barnsley Council / Lead Director, Children's Social Work Matters



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Children matter. Children's Social Work Matters.

It's a simple statement, but one that every Children's Social Worker (CSW) in Yorkshire and the Humber region wholeheartedly believes. It's what unites us in our daily endeavour.

It's why the 15 local authorities across Yorkshire and the Humber have come together to work in this unique way. Collectively we are tackling the misconceptions of CSW, raising the image of the profession, improving social work practice and attracting more people in to a career in this challenging yet extremely rewarding role.

If you're passionate about keeping children safe and keen to progress your career in CSW visit us at www.childrensocialworkmatters.org and check out the jobs currently available in our region.



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Barnardo's

Barnardo's believes in children, no matter who they are or what they have been through.

This belief started with our founder, Thomas Barnardo, who stood up for the most vulnerable children in society. He recognised, as we do, their amazing strength, resilience and potential. Our vision is his vision – a world where no child is turned away.

To achieve this vision, we support vulnerable children across the UK through our services, campaigns and research. To ensure that we can create better outcomes for more children, our work is focused on building Stronger Families, Safer Childhoods and Positive Futures.

Last year, we worked with 301,100 children, young people, families, parents and carers across those areas, delivering over 1000 services.

We also make a positive impact on the lives of the UK's most vulnerable children and young people by influencing policy and practice at local and national levels across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. For example, earlier this year, we hosted our

Inaugural Lecture on Adverse Childhood Experiences. The event aimed to increase awareness of ACEs as a key factor affecting children's mental health, and highlighted the work we are undertaking to implement change to reduce the life course impacts of ACEs.

Barnardo's are committed to developing innovation and system change in social work. We do this through strategic partnership with others and the National FGM Centre is one such example, working with the DfE, the LGA and local authorities, to end new cases of FGM in the UK.

As the UK's leading children's charity, we are proud to work alongside social workers to help transform the lives of vulnerable children and young people. We couldn't achieve what we do without the amazing contribution social workers make.

Incredible things happen when you believe in children.

Javed Khan
Chief Executive
Barnardo's



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Servelec is extremely proud to be sponsoring the category for 'Adult Social Worker of the Year' at this year's awards.

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It is fitting that we are supporting an award which celebrates social workers and the hard work, dedication and commitment they demonstrate when championing the values of social work.

It is also important to us, to acknowledge the hard work and perseverance of social workers in a market with increasing pressures. We are delighted to be part of the awards and wish all those nominated the best of luck. You are a great example to us all.

Nicole Miners
Sales Director
Servelec HSC



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Essex County Council

Essex County Council is extremely proud to sponsor the category for 'Championing Social Work Values' at this year's Social Worker of the Year Awards.

We're serious about social work in Essex and our approach is focused on ensuring that people their families and carers are supported to live healthily and as independently as possible ensuring safety, dignity and quality of life for those in need of long term care.

It's fitting that we are supporting an award which celebrates social workers and the hard work, dedication and commitment they demonstrate when championing the values of social work. Our social workers know that delivering high quality social work means replacing traditional service offers that simply manage conditions with new innovative solutions that maximise opportunities for individuals to live their lives well.

Essex is the 'practice universe' for social work. We realise just how vital it is to support our social workers and provide the quality time, training and tools they need

to deliver a high quality service. Our highly acclaimed Essex Social Care Academy offers a professional learning culture which prepares them for any challenges they may face. It also creates a platform for them to be change agents, working in an environment where they can really progress their career.

It's important we regularly take time to stop and celebrate all social workers and the valuable role they play in in today's society; the Social Worker of the Year Awards is a fantastic opportunity to do this and I'd like to wish all the nominees the best of luck this evening.

Helen Lincoln

Executive Director for Children, Families and Education (DCS)
Essex County Council



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Mental Health Social Worker of the Year

Supported by Devon County Council

This category is for mental health social workers working in both children's and adult services. It looks for practitioners who are excelling in delivering positive outcomes for their service users and achieving results in a challenging and complex area.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Anne Longfield OBE**
Children's Commissioner for England
- ◆ **Carol Long**
Young Epilepsy
- ◆ **Gareth Benjamin**
Mental Health Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2017

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Chrystell Silas**
East Sussex County Council
- ◆ **Jessie Griggs-Smith**
Norfolk County Council
- ◆ **Lara Box**
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- ◆ **Penny Jackson**
Darlington Borough Council
- ◆ **Zoe Williamson**
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust / Northumberland County Council

Making a Difference

Supported by Tees Valley Local Authority Child and Adult Services

This award recognises social workers who are not employed by a Local Authority (e.g independent social workers, locum workers or social workers in other settings such as the charitable sector, education, regulators etc). The judges were looking for practitioners who were able to demonstrate how they have made a difference through their outstanding work with people who use social work services.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Maris Stratulis**
BASW
- ◆ **Rob Mitchell**
Trustee
- ◆ **Sharon Martin**
National IRO Managers Partnership

The finalists are:

- ◆ **Eileen Qubain**
Heart of Worcestershire College
- ◆ **Izabela Spalding**
East London NHS Foundation Trust
- ◆ **Wendy Ashton**
Eden Valley Hospice

Student Social Worker of the Year

Supported by Bradford Council

This award recognises social work students who are surpassing expectations in their practical placements and in their understanding of the theory behind social work practice. Each of the four finalists this year are highly competent, exemplary students.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Brian Mitchell**
Bradford College
- ◆ **Lily Hopkins**
Creative & Innovative Social Work Practice Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Liz Hewitt**
Skylakes Social Work
- ◆ **Zoe Betts**
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The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Sian Miljkovic**
University of Bedfordshire
- ◆ **Sivanesan Ramamoorthy**
The Open University
- ◆ **Victoria Stephenson**
Manchester Metropolitan University
- ◆ **Mark McConnell**
The University of Huddersfield

Practice Educator of the Year

Supported by North Lincolnshire Council

This category is for social workers who are involved in mentoring and supervising students and unqualified social workers. The judges were looking for practice educators with the ability to successfully motivate and inspire their students to develop their careers in social work.

The judging panel for this were:

- ◆ **Glen Garrod**
ADASS President
- ◆ **Louise Walker**
Raising the Profile of Social Work Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Maris Stratulis**
BASW

The finalists are:

- ◆ **Emma Goodall**
Cornwall Council
- ◆ **Joseph Robb**
Darlington Borough Council
- ◆ **Karen Maude**
Bradford College
- ◆ **Lorraine Falconer**
Croydon Council

Creative & Innovative Social Work Practice

Supported by Hampshire County Council

This category recognises outstanding creativity and innovation in a project or campaign carried out by an individual social worker, social work team, department or organisation. It covers both children's and adult services and rewards lateral thinking.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Andy Gill**
BASW
- ◆ **Anthony Douglas CBE**
Cafcass
- ◆ **Dave Thomas MBE**
Central Bedfordshire Council
- ◆ **Emma Lewell-Buck MP**
Patron & Shadow Minister for Children & Families
- ◆ **Isabelle Trowler**
Chief Social Worker for Children and Families
- ◆ **Tony Zaman**
London Borough of Hillingdon

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Divisional Based Intervention Team**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Leaving Care Team**
North Yorkshire County Council
- ◆ **Love Barrow Families**
- ◆ **People from Abroad Team**
Norfolk County Council
- ◆ **Rob Manchester**
Devon County Council / Devon NHS Partnership Trust
- ◆ **Super Power Group**
Leeds City Council

Best Social Work Employer of the Year

Supported by Sanctuary Social Care

For any local authority, charity or agency employing social workers who can demonstrate excellent practice as an employer in motivating, leading and developing their social work employees. With this year's finalists, it was clear to the judges that each organisation consistently strives to improve outcomes for employees and service users.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Brian Mitchell**
Bradford College
- ◆ **Nicky Skinner**
Team Leader of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Marion Russell**
Cornwall Council
- ◆ **Lyn Romeo**
Chief Social Worker for Adults

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Achieving for Children**
- ◆ **Cafcass**
- ◆ **Doncaster Children's Services Trust**
- ◆ **Essex County Council**
- ◆ **London Borough of Lambeth**
- ◆ **Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust**
- ◆ **Stockport Family**

Team Leader of the Year, Children's Services

Supported by Kent County Council

In this category the judges were looking for an outstanding team leader who is working in children's services, demonstrating clear leadership skills and their ability to successfully manage a busy social work team.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Andy Gill**
BASW
- ◆ **Carol Long**
Young Epilepsy
- ◆ **Sherry Malik**
NSPCC
- ◆ **Marion Russell**
Cornwall Council

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Belinda Collingwood**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Jenny Slee**
North Somerset Council / Adoption West
- ◆ **Justine Hughes**
Oldham Council
- ◆ **Linzi Nicholson**
Doncaster Children's Services Trust
- ◆ **Shaira Makorie**
Achieving for Children
- ◆ **Victoria McLeod**
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Team Leader of the Year, Adult Services

Supported by Sunderland City Council

For this award the panel were looking for a team leader who is able to inspire their team in supporting vulnerable adults. Each of the finalists demonstrated an ability to lead by example while consistently achieving high outcomes and meeting targets.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Andy Butler**
Lifetime Achievement Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Cath Gormally**
South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
- ◆ **Nicky Skinner**
Team Leader of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Tony Zaman**
London Borough of Hillingdon

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Cheri Pearson**
Livewell South West
- ◆ **Jane Haywood**
Derby City Council
- ◆ **Kelly-Ann Page**
Gloucestershire County Council
- ◆ **Nicholas Edwards**
Trafford Council
- ◆ **Tracey Bage**
South Tyneside Council

Team of the Year, Children's Services

Supported by London Borough of Lambeth

This award celebrates the achievements of social work teams working with children and their families. The judges were on the lookout for a strong, stable team with high morale and one that consistently delivers high standards of best practice.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Carolyn Willow**
Championing Social Work Values Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **David Akinsanya**
Broadcaster, Journalist & Campaigner
- ◆ **Dez Holmes**
Research in Practice
- ◆ **Isabelle Trowler**
Chief Social Worker for Children & Families
- ◆ **Jackie Dowding**
Children's Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Liz Hewitt**
Skylakes Social Work
- ◆ **Sophie Lyon, Age 12**
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The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Barnsley Fostering Assessment Team**
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- ◆ **Case Management Team**
North Lincolnshire Council
- ◆ **Fair Ways Fostering**
- ◆ **Hillingdon Young People's Service**
London Borough of Hillingdon
- ◆ **Integrated Multi Agency Partnership**
North Lincolnshire Council
- ◆ **North Lincolnshire Adoption Team**
- ◆ **Referral and Assessment Team**
Achieving for Children
- ◆ **South Essex Family Centre**
Essex County Council

Team of the Year, Adult Services

Supported by UNISON

This category recognises the hard work that is undertaken by teams working with vulnerable adults. The panel were particularly impressed by excellent outcomes that each team is achieving and the positive difference they are making to their service users.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Caroline Waugh**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Clenton Farquharson MBE**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Sally Percival**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Samantha Keith**
Team of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2017

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Bath and North East Somerset AMHP Service**
- ◆ **Integrated Community Services Team**
Shropshire Council
- ◆ **LiveWell Dementia Hub**
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- ◆ **Organisational Safeguarding Team**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Richmond and Wandsworth DOLS Team**
- ◆ **Complex Review and Transitions**
Livewell South West

Newly Qualified Children's Social Worker of the Year

Supported by Children's Social Work Matters

This category is for practitioners working in children's services with less than 12 months' experience. The panel were looking for a practitioner with the potential to become a future role model for the profession. Each of this year's finalists are operating a level above that normally seen from NQSWs.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Annie**
Surviving Safeguarding
- ◆ **Elizabeth Njenga**
BASW
- ◆ **Jess Dugdale-Pointon, Age 15**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Louise Walker**
Raising the Profile of Social Work Award Winner 2017

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Alice Bent**
Oxfordshire County Council
- ◆ **Daniel Newman**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Heidi Turtle**
Kent County Council
- ◆ **Jessie Turner**
Hull City Council
- ◆ **Jessica Raper**
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- ◆ **Simone Oliver**
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
- ◆ **Tiffany Ridd**
Norfolk County Council

Newly Qualified Adult Social Worker of the Year

Supported by BASW

The finalists in this category each have less than 12 months' experience working in adult services. The judges were looking for an NQSW with confidence and a variety of skills and they commended each of this year's finalists for their passion and enthusiasm.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Cath Gormally**
South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
- ◆ **Gareth Benjamin**
Mental Health Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Gary Spencer-Humphrey**
Newly Qualified Adult Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Vidhya Biju**
Adult and Overall Social Worker of the Year 2017
- ◆ **Zoe Betts**
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The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Alexandra Edge**
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust / Northumberland County Council
- ◆ **Caroline McCormack**
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- ◆ **Claudia Lancashire**
Derby City Council
- ◆ **Donna-Marie Wilson**
Devon County Council
- ◆ **Kerri Davies**
Kent County Council
- ◆ **Nikki Stenning**
Devon County Council
- ◆ **Rabbi Deloso**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Rebecca Payne**
Gloucestershire County Council

Children's Social Worker of the Year

Supported by Barnardo's

This category received the most entries this year and is for practitioners working in children's services who have made a clear difference to the lives of the children and families that they work with. The judges commended the passion and commitment demonstrated by each of this year's finalists.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Andrew Willcox, Age 16**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Annie**
Surviving Safeguarding
- ◆ **Anne Longfield OBE**
Children's Commissioner for England
- ◆ **Benjamin McCormick, Age 19**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Dez Holmes**
Research in Practice
- ◆ **Elizabeth Njenga**
BASW
- ◆ **Plam Kara-Lewis, Age 17**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Esha Mokni, Age 14**
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The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Chris Dyas**
NSPCC
- ◆ **Kirsteen Lowrie**
Southwark Council
- ◆ **Liz Davis**
Norfolk County Council
- ◆ **Lucy Jackson**
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- ◆ **Owen Chizimba**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Rebecca Healy**
Birmingham Children's Trust
- ◆ **Slavica Tobdzic**
Central Bedfordshire Council
- ◆ **Theresa Forrester**
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Adult Social Worker of the Year

Supported by Servelec HSC

This category celebrates the achievements of social workers specialising in services for adults. The panel were impressed with the dedication displayed by all of this year's finalists, their variety of practice and the impact they have on service users.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Caroline Waugh**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Lyn Romeo**
Chief Social Worker for Adults
- ◆ **Sally Percival**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Samantha Keith**
Team of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Vidhya Biju**
Adult and Overall Social Worker of the Year 2017

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Dan Morton**
London Borough of Hillingdon
- ◆ **Jennifer Staude**
Westminster City Council / Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
- ◆ **Jess Adams**
Gloucestershire County Council
- ◆ **Jo Doughty**
Gloucestershire County Council
- ◆ **Louise Redsull**
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- ◆ **Lucy Hunt**
Devon County Council
- ◆ **Steve Foster**
Hampshire County Council

Championing Social Work Values

Supported by Essex County Council

This award recognises social workers working in children's or adult services in England who have been champions for social work's value base through their work or other activities. The judges were looking for practitioners who demonstrated how they have successfully made a difference in promoting the value-base of social work.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Anthony Douglas CBE**
Cafcass
- ◆ **Clenton Farquharson MBE**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Leanne Baines**
Team Leader of the Year, Children's Services Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Louise Watson**
Student Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Sharon Martin**
National IRO Managers Partnership

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Jenny Slee**
North Somerset Council / Adoption West
- ◆ **Karen Pain**
Bristol City Council
- ◆ **Social Workers Without Borders**
- ◆ **Sybille Radszun**
Southwark Council

Lifetime Achievement Award

Supported by BASW

This award recognises the commitment, dedication and achievements of someone who has worked in the social work profession for more than 20 years. The judges were looking for evidence of the vast difference that an individual has made to service users, and how they have inspired colleagues.

The judging panel for this category were:

- ◆ **Andy Butler**
Lifetime Achievement Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **David Akinsanya**
Broadcaster, Journalist & Campaigner
- ◆ **Emma Lewell-Buck MP**
Patron & Shadow Minister for Children & Families
- ◆ **Gary Spencer-Humphrey**
Newly Qualified Adult Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Glen Garrod**
ADASS President
- ◆ **Jackie Dowding**
Children's Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2017
- ◆ **Lily Hopkins**
Creative & Innovative Social Work Practice Award Winner 2017

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Gail Faulkner**
Leeds City Council
- ◆ **Janet Reed**
Ministry of Defence
- ◆ **Jenny Slee**
North Somerset Council / Adoption West
- ◆ **Peter Smith**
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- ◆ **Tony Wright**
Forward Assist

Outstanding Contribution to Social Work

A special award will be presented to someone who has made a significant contribution to the social work profession. It will recognise the achievements of an individual who has worked tirelessly throughout their career to improve the reputation and understanding of social work.

The winner of this award has been chosen by the Board of Trustees:

- ◆ **Peter Hay CBE**
Chair, Social Work Award Ltd
- ◆ **James Rook**
Chief Executive, Sanctuary Social Care
- ◆ **Beverley Williams MBE**
Founder, Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Joanna Nicolas**
Independent Child Protection Consultant and Author
- ◆ **Ana Popovici**
Deputy Director Children's Services, London Borough of Hillingdon
- ◆ **Rob Mitchell**
Principal Social Worker, Bradford Council

Overall Social Worker of the Year 2018

Supported by Sanctuary Social Care

This award recognises the success of an individual category winner who has shown incredible skill, demonstrated strong social work practice and whose passion, commitment and enthusiasm for social work inspires others around them. The overall winner will be a person who embodies great social work and is a role model for the profession.

The winner of this award has been chosen from the individual category winners by the Board of Trustees:

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Thanks to our judging panel



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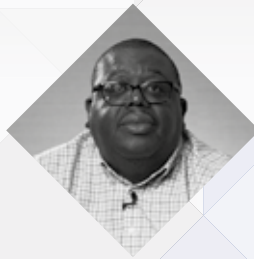
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Think Local Act Personal



Carolyn Willow
Championing Social Work
Values Award Winner
2017



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Maudsley NHS
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Children's Social Worker
of the Year Award Winner
2017



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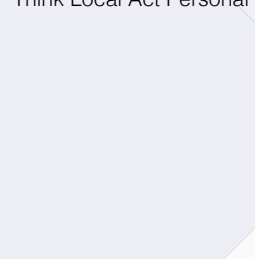
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