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social WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARDS



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.

As we near 2020, society needs the humanity and human touch that great social work brings. As a profession, we also need to continue to challenge, support and encourage a focus on the causes of so many of the challenges facing those who need social work support.

Since the awards were established in 2006 by independent social worker Beverley Williams MBE, they have grown to become the most prestigious and highly anticipated event in the social work calendar. In fact, this year the awards received more nominations than ever before!

Despite the significant growth of the awards over the years, we realised that we knew little about their long-lasting impact. Therefore, we are thrilled to have launched an online survey which explores themes such as the effect of winning an award on individual practice, career development and feeling valued at work. The survey for past winners has been created in partnership with The University of Birmingham and the results will provide a basis to define the future development of the awards. We urge any past winners who have not been sent the survey via email to get in touch.

We'd like to thank the following people, as without them the awards simply would not be possible...

Thank you to our headline sponsor, Sanctuary Personnel and our corporate partner, the British Association of Social Workers 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, the London Borough of Lambeth, Sunderland City Council, Devon County Council, Bradford Council, North Lincolnshire Council, Kent County Council, Hampshire County Council, Servelec, Children's Social Work Matters and welcome on board our new supporter for this year – the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Thank you to our patrons – Lorraine Pascale (who is also hosting tonight), Tim Loughton MP, Emma Lewell-Buck MP and Baroness Valerie Howarth OBE who are champions for the profession and to our judges who read and reviewed this year's entries, for giving their time and sharing their expertise so willingly. This year's judges included leading industry professionals, previous winners, former care leavers and people who have received support from social workers in their lives.

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.

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Lorraine Pascale

"I am delighted to be a patron of The Social Work 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."

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 invited to be a patron of The Social Work Awards charity. 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."

Emma Lewell-Buck MP

"I am thrilled to be a patron of The Social Work 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."

The Baroness 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."





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, empathic 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 for Care

Mark Harvey and Fran Leddra

It is always impressive to see the excellent practice showcased at the Social Worker of the Year Awards. It's a real honour to be involved and a great opportunity to come together and celebrate the successes of our profession. Congratulations to all those nominated, you are already winners in our view.

These awards are the highlight of outstanding social work practice – as both of us are still firmly rooted in practice, we are only too aware of the difficult and challenging environment that social workers find themselves in. Walking alongside people at often some of the most difficult times in their lives requires compassion, skill and dedication, and these awards give us a platform to share our successes and say thank you to our profession.

There is no greater privilege than people letting us into their lives, and many of the nominees will have had testimonies from people expressing the positive impact social workers have had on them and their families.

Tonight is the night to sit back and enjoy yourselves, and we hope you make some great memories.

Mark Harvey and Fran Leddra
Interim Joint Chief Social Worker for Adults

Michelle Donelan MP

I am delighted to be able to support the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2019, to recognise the outstanding achievements in social work practice by individuals and organisations. Social workers are at the heart of our social care system, supporting some of the most vulnerable in our society. It is right and important to celebrate the outstanding work that social workers do.

As Minister for Children and Families, I know that we have social workers across the country delivering great services, with high quality teams working under inspiring practice leaders. I also know that social work is a demanding job and that expectations are high. I am committed to supporting the social work profession so that children and families receive the very best possible care. I want to work with the profession to continue to build and develop a confident and highly capable social worker workforce, with the proper training and the right knowledge and skills to make a real difference to the lives of children and families.

The Social Worker of the Year Awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise the exceptional work of our social workers and to highlight the crucial support they provide to vulnerable children and their families. My congratulations and thanks to the winners and to all social workers helping to keep our children safe.

Michelle Donelan MP
Minister for Children and Families

Isabelle Trowler

It is always a joy and an honour to be a judge for the Social Worker of the Year Awards, and this year was no different. As I read through the nominations that were put forward, I felt truly humbled and overwhelmed by the level of care and dedication of social workers, whose desire to support and empower children and families to live cohesive and fruitful lives is at the heart of what motivates them and drives their work.

It is impossible to do justice to the depth and quality of practice taking place across the country. The entries I read were full of examples of social workers working tirelessly to build positive relationships with families – relationships that are characterised, among many other things, by trust, hope, and a mutual desire for change. These practitioners have not only demonstrated the skills and abilities for effective social work, but also a warmth of heart, empathy, enthusiasm and unshakable commitment to the work they do. At the Behavioural Insights Conference that I recently attended I couldn't help but share with the audience that these stories were some of the most touching, caring acts of kindest I have ever known in my career.

Each nominee should be very proud of themselves, and I join you at the Social Worker of the Year Awards in celebrating your many achievements which have made such a vital and lasting impact on the lives of hundreds of children and their families. Well done all!

Isabelle Trowler
Chief Social Worker for Children and Families

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

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.

Sanctuary Personnel

Firstly, I would like to say a huge congratulations to all the nominees this evening and a special thank you to those who found the time to nominate their colleagues.

There is nothing more rewarding than being recognised for your hard work; especially when your efforts translate into better outcomes for the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Having been involved with the Social Worker of the Year Awards for nine years, I could not be prouder of its success. In recognising your collective achievements, the awards shine a light on the difference social work makes every single day. That's something we should all be proud of.

It was always my intention to see the awards become a pinnacle in the social work calendar and looking around tonight, I am sure you will agree that this has been achieved. Only the other day I was reflecting with my own children why these awards mean so much. The truth is, they are not just about what you have achieved in the last year. They represent a much more sustainable, lasting footprint than this. They are a nod to the personal impact you make throughout your career.

Social work can often feel thankless, but you must never lose sight of the difference you make. Tonight, is about sharing in each other's thanks; whether that's acknowledging a colleague or team for the work they've done or appreciating a line manager who continues to inspire us.

So, I would like to say "thank you" to everybody here this evening. Your relentless dedication to helping people – young and old – at their most vulnerable, is truly humbling.

Good luck and I hope you enjoy the evening.

James Rook
Chief Executive, Sanctuary Personnel





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British Association of Social Workers

It is a privilege to be part of the Social Worker of the Year Awards, to join together and celebrate our profession and to share truly outstanding accounts of practice and the positive difference social work makes to families and individuals.

Social workers know better than anyone the complex struggles people face every day. You also understand the acute impact of the challenging environment we work within, such as the hard reality of austerity, underfunding and homelessness.

Demand for social work services continues to grow, as more and more people of all ages are experiencing poverty and other complex problems. It is with enormous pride that I see our profession respond confidently to these challenges, determined to help build better lives and a better, fairer society.

At BASW we are committed to supporting the profession to be the best it can be, shaping and promoting best practice, protecting our members by providing professional employment and regulatory advice and support and influencing national policies.

We continue to campaign for improved professional working conditions for social workers and for the vital importance of relationship based social work practice.

It is incredibly important that social workers are nurtured, supported and championed for the important work you do. The awards are a special opportunity to recognise the impact of social work, to connect together, learn from each other, support each other and unite as a profession. This includes uniting around shared ethics and values.

Huge congratulations to all those nominated for an award. Social workers have an incredibly important role in our communities. Thank you for your commitment to the profession, your passion and drive for the very best outcomes. You are amazing.

Dr Ruth Allen
Chief Executive
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London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Tower Hamlets Council is proud to sponsor the Mental Health Social Worker of the Year Award, celebrating excellence in social work that supports and enables people on their recovery journey.

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The London Borough of Tower Hamlets is vibrant and diverse with a very young population. Significant health inequalities exist, including high levels of severe mental health problems and depression and anxiety. The work of mental health social workers in offering strengths based, personalised support is vital and sits alongside a whole council approach to improving health and wellbeing including becoming a dementia friendly borough.

Tower Hamlets Council is privileged to work in partnership with others, including the East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT), our main provider of mental health services and rated 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission. Our Children's Services have recently been rated 'Good' by Ofsted and we are investing in child and adolescent mental health support to improve outcomes for our young people.

Tower Hamlets Council is proud to support the Social Worker of the Year Awards and sponsor the Mental Health Social Worker of the Year award 2019, recognising and celebrating the crucial role that mental health social workers play in people's lives.

Denise Radley
Corporate Director,
Health, Adults & Community
London Borough of Tower
Hamlets



Tees Valley Local Authority Child & Adult Services

The Tees Valley Local Authority Child and Adult Services are delighted to sponsor the 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



Working together to improve mental health and wellbeing

Tower Hamlets Council is proud to support the Social Worker of the Year Awards and sponsor the Mental Health Social Worker of the Year Award 2019.

Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk for information about opportunities to steer your career in social care in the direction you want to go.



The Tees Valley Local Authority Children's Services are proud to support the Social Worker of the Year Awards.



For more information about living and working in the Tees Valley visit www.tvliveworkplay.co.uk



Bradford Council

On behalf of Bradford's Social Work Teaching Partnership, Bradford Council are delighted to be taking part in the very prestigious national Social Worker of the Year Awards, sponsoring the category of 'Student Social Worker of the Year'.

We believe that social work is a profession that should be celebrated. Good social work is very often discreet in order that it upholds confidentiality and maintains the dignity of those people who require social work support. However, in Bradford we believe that it is right to celebrate the successes of social work support where we can.

Our Vision 'Home First' aims to set our ambition and wellbeing in the Bradford District. 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.

Finally, as sponsors of the Student of Social Worker of the Year category we wish to thank all those who support social work evaluation and wish every social work student good luck and thank them for choosing social work.

Bev Maybury
Strategic Director, Department of Health & Wellbeing
Bradford Council



North Lincolnshire Council

It is with great pleasure that North Lincolnshire Council is once more able to sponsor the 'Practice Educator' of the Year award. We pride ourselves in being able to offer skilled, knowledgeable and experienced staff who can deliver creative opportunities within a learning environment for those who are embarking on their social work career. This award provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the dedication of Practice Educators in continuing to develop and nurture the highest calibre social workers and the best quality, dynamic and innovative practice.

The North Lincolnshire Council hold a long standing and deeply held ambition for all children whereby being the champion for the vulnerable child is our overriding purpose. We use our value, influence and authority to engender greater aspiration for children across the council as a whole and our partners, so that children achieve outstanding outcomes.

There is much to celebrate in our progress towards realising our vision. Services to children were judged to be outstanding by Ofsted (September 2017). North Lincolnshire is recognised as a place where social work flourishes, where this is an environment of continuous learning and where 'steadfast' leadership has sustained outstanding practice over many years.

Practice Educators are instrumental in achieving this and ensure the values of the Council and high-quality practice is developed and embedded within students to equip them with the skills to make a positive difference to children and families.

Ann-Marie Brierley
Head of Safeguarding Children
North Lincolnshire Council



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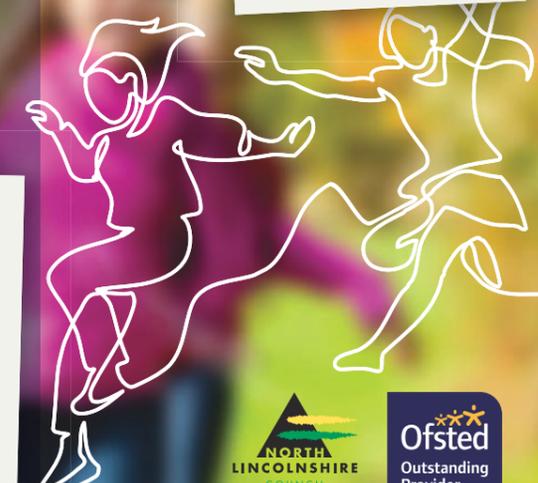


Celebrating the real difference that Social Workers make

North Lincolnshire Council is delighted to support the Social Worker of the year awards, is proud to sponsor the Practice Educator of the Year Award and congratulates all the finalists.

For more information about living and working in North Lincolnshire visit our website.

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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, for the second year running, the 'Creative and Innovative Social Work Practice' category.

This exciting category will enable 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, Adults' Health and Care
Hampshire County Council

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. Team Managers are crucial in ensuring that our workforce is equipped, motivated and encouraged to promote excellent social work values and ethics. A Team Manager is not just a manager; they are mentors, advisors, there to listen, and to challenge when needed.

Team Managers 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.

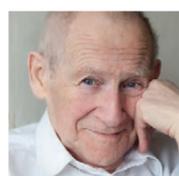
We are delighted to be part of the Social Worker of the Year Awards and congratulate all of the nominees.

Fiona Brown
Executive Director of Neighbourhoods
Sunderland City Council



Congratulations to all the finalists of the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2019.

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



Devon County Council

Today, working in Children's Services is as challenging as ever and team leaders have an even more vital and influential role. Childhood should be a wonderful time, to be cherished. But it isn't always that way.

Here in Devon and across the country, local authorities are working passionately and collaboratively to ensure children and their families get the support and stability they need to be able to thrive in childhood, and be supported into their adulthood.

Team leaders are hugely important in this. They are leading within and across organisations, guiding and supporting teams to make a difference to the lives of so many children and their families by responding to current situations, needs and challenges.

And team leaders also look to the future. They are nurturing children into adulthood with aspirations and the life skills to succeed. They are working with families to help create the environments that enable sustainable, healthy, safe and supportive relationships to thrive.



Devon County Council is delighted to support this award, as recognition of outstanding social work practice and the vital contribution that team leaders in Children's Services make to improving the lives of so many children.

Jennie Stephens
Chief Officer for Adult Care and Health
Devon County Council

UNISON

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 and Education
UNISON



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London Borough of Lambeth

The London Borough of Lambeth is pleased to again be supporting the Team of the Year, Children's Services award at this year's Social Worker of the Year Awards.

In Lambeth, we are passionate about creating an environment in which social work practice can flourish. Our social work teams are a crucial ingredient in helping us to achieve this vision. By promoting a learning culture, ensuring excellent management oversight and providing a support network our teams are inspiring and enabling social workers to keep children at the heart of their practice.

Our many teams work together to create the Lambeth "Big Team" consisting of senior leaders, team managers, practitioners, partners and many more. Through collaboration and collective input, this Big Team enables Lambeth to be an organisation which promotes innovative practice, is resilient and is ambitious for our children and families.

Not just in Lambeth, but across the country, we know that teams are at the forefront of delivering

transformational social work practice and ensuring that children receive the right help at the right time. This award recognises those teams who have delivered such outstanding support, help and protection to children as a result of working together.

We hope that all children's social work teams which are recognised at the 2019 Awards feel justly proud of their achievement and would like to express our deep appreciation to all teams who work tirelessly to improve the lives of children and families.

Annie Hudson

Strategic Director, Children's Services
London Borough of Lambeth



Children's Social Work Matters

We recognise the value and vital role that our children's social workers have in protecting and improving the lives of children and their families.

We are committed to making Yorkshire and the Humber the most collaborative, supportive and rewarding place in which to enjoy a career as a children's social worker. This is why we were particularly proud to sponsor this award. Congratulations to every one of the finalists for their fantastic achievements and to social workers across the country who all deserve recognition for the hard work they do with children and families all year round.

In Yorkshire & Humber we've been working hard to nurture, develop and support our children's social work workforce. 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're also giving our social workers a voice in our 'Improving Lives' campaign to demonstrate the value and positive impact that their work is having on the lives of children and families in their support.

'Children's Social Work Matters' (CSWM) is our programme to attract and support children's social workers and improve social work practice and delivery with all our local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber working together as one big children's social work team. It's also about improving the understanding, image and value of children's social work as a profession. Read more at www.childrensocialworkmatters.org.

Rachel Dickinson

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



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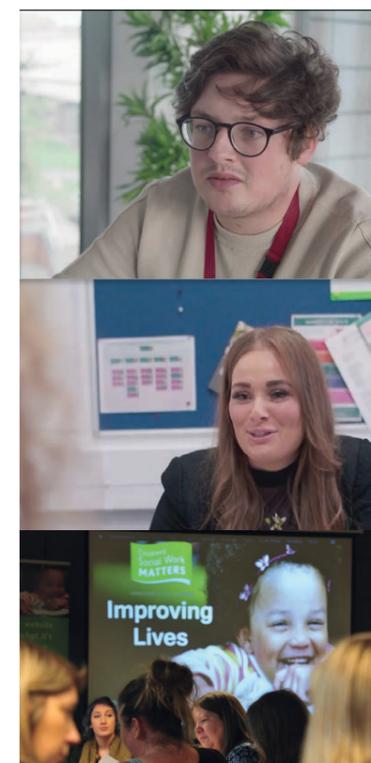
It's a simple statement, but one that every Children's Social Worker wholeheartedly believes. It's what unites us in our daily endeavour.

This is why the 15 local authorities across Yorkshire and the Humber have joined forces in a collaborative 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.

To see how our 'Improving Lives' campaign is raising the profile of social work or to check out the jobs currently available in our region visit us at www.childrensocialworkmatters.org



YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER



Servelec

Servelec is extremely proud to be sponsoring at this year's awards. We are again sponsoring the 'Adult Social Worker of the Year' award.

Servelec understands just how difficult life can be as a social worker, especially when faced with the additional burden of funding pressures and productivity challenges. We work with you to implement best practice and ensure you meet the latest statutory requirements.

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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.

Richard Betts
Managing Director of Local Government
Servelec

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.

For 153 years, Barnardo's has been supporting vulnerable children across the UK through our services, campaigns and research. Our goal is to achieve better outcomes for more children, by building stronger families, safer childhoods and positive futures.

Last year, we worked around 300,000 children, young people, families, parents across 1,000 services.

As well as changing children's lives, we work to change the system around them for the better 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 Annual Lecture 'Left to their own devices? Young people, social media and mental health' delivered by Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for

Health & Social Care. The event highlighted the positive and negative impact of social media on children's mental health. It also called for more research, further regulation and the need for Government, parents, schools and services to find ways to help keep children safe and healthy online.

Barnardo's is committed to developing innovation and system change in social work. We do this through strategic partnerships, such as the National FGM Centre, which works with the Department for Education, the Local Government Association and other partners to end new cases of FGM in the UK.

As the UK's oldest and largest national children's charity, we are proud to work alongside social workers to improve the lives of vulnerable children and young people, bringing care, support and love to those who need it most.

Javed Khan
Chief Executive
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Incredible things happen when we believe in children.



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 expands 'practice horizons' 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 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



Kent County Council



Kent County Council is 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.

Through our Change for Kent Children Programme we are shaping and integrating our services to encourage social workers to build trusting relationships with individuals and families in difficult circumstances to ensure they provide the best support to improve the outcomes and the life chances of children and young people in Kent. We are achieving this by:

- Recruiting and supporting more social workers through our Kent Academy
- A practice and quality assurance framework that supports innovative practice

- A whole family approach that supports the needs of parents and carers by embedding adult focused practitioners in children and family teams, focusing on mental health, domestic abuse, substance and alcohol misuse
- Integrated adolescent teams using innovative contextual safeguarding approaches to manage adolescent risk
- To be the best corporate parent we can be by working with young people in care to help change and shape our services

Our goal is to promote a confident, knowledgeable and well-supported integrated children's service working to the highest standards of innovative 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 - Children, Young People and Education
Kent County Council

Essex County Council are proud to support the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2019

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Mental Health Social Worker of the Year

Supported by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets

This category is open to mental health social workers working in both children's and adult services. This award is for practitioners who are excelling in delivering positive outcomes for the people they support and achieving results in a challenging and complex area.

The judging panel for this category was:

- ◆ **Clenton Farquharson MBE**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Kuldip Kaur Kang**
BASW
- ◆ **Mark Trewin**
Mental Health Social Work Lead, Department of Health and Social Care
- ◆ **Rachel Smith**
Team of the Year, Children's Services Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Vicci Livingstone-Thompson**
Inclusion Gloucestershire
- ◆ **Zoe Williamson**
Mental Health and Overall Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Amanda Stewart**
Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
- ◆ **Chloe Greenfield**
North Lincolnshire Council
- ◆ **Gretta Perkins**
South Gloucestershire Council
- ◆ **Ingrid Richardson**
Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
- ◆ **Jessica Jones**
Norfolk County Council
- ◆ **Rebecca Barrow**
2gether NHS Foundation Trust
- ◆ **Thea Radburn**
Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

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 was:

- ◆ **Carol Long**
Researcher, Durham University
- ◆ **Dave Thomas MBE**
Central Bedfordshire Council
- ◆ **Rachel Smith**
Team of the Year, Children's Services Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Sharon Martin**
National IRO Managers Partnership
- ◆ **Simon Shreeve**
Creative & Innovative Social Work Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Wendy Ashton**
Making a Difference Award Winner 2018

The finalists are:

- ◆ **Debbie Ford**
The University of Central Lancashire
- ◆ **Denise Smalley**
PAC-UK
- ◆ **Sarah Frances**
Bramley Health
- ◆ **Teresa Barrett**
Livewell Southwest



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 five finalists this year are highly competent, exemplary students.

The judging panel for this category was:

- ◆ **Brian Mitchell**
University of Bradford
- ◆ **Gary Spencer-Humphrey**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Karen Maude**
Practice Educator of the Year Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Sian Miljkovic**
Student Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Zoe Betts**
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The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Elizabeth Dodd**
University of Salford
- ◆ **Eniola Obikoya**
University of Gloucestershire
- ◆ **Eric Konadu**
London Metropolitan University
- ◆ **Mary Carter**
Anglia Ruskin University
- ◆ **Sarah Smith**
University of Lincoln

Practice Educator of the Year

Supported by North Lincolnshire Council

This category is open to 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 category was:

- ◆ **Jessica Beach**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Maris Stratulis**
BASW
- ◆ **Sharon Stockwell**
Team of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Wendy Ashton**
Making a Difference Award Winner 2018

The finalists are:

- ◆ **Djamila Agabbi**
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- ◆ **Jacqueline Wolstenholme**
Anglia Ruskin University
- ◆ **Julia Becker**
Achieving for Children
- ◆ **Sarah Crockford**
Hampshire County Council
- ◆ **Shelley Gill**
Durham County 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 was:

- ◆ **Brian Mitchell**
University of Bradford
- ◆ **Chris Dyas**
Children's Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Dave Thomas MBE**
Central Bedfordshire Council
- ◆ **Emma Blakemore**
Innovate CYPS

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Devon Prisons ASC Team**
Devon County Council
- ◆ **Futures Service**
Leeds City Council
- ◆ **'How it looks to me' app**
Cafcass
- ◆ **Through Care Coventry**
Coventry City Council

Social Work Employer of the Year

Supported by Sanctuary Personnel

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 people who use social work services.

The judging panel for this category was:

- ◆ **Brian Walsh OBE**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Elaine James**
Bradford Council
- ◆ **Isabelle Trowler**
Chief Social Worker for Children & Families
- ◆ **Lyn Romeo**
Chief Social Worker for Adults
- ◆ **Peter Hay CBE**
Chair, The Social Work Awards

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Leeds City Council (Children's Services)**
- ◆ **North Yorkshire County Council (Children's Services)**
- ◆ **Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (Adult Services)**
- ◆ **Suffolk County Council (Children's Services)**



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 was:

- ◆ **Anthony Douglas CBE**
Outstanding Contribution to Social Work Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Jane Haywood**
Team Leader of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Jessica Beach**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Maris Stratulis**
BASW
- ◆ **Peter Smith**
Lifetime Achievement Award Winner 2018

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Annika Leyland-Bolton**
Doncaster Council
- ◆ **Grayson M Ellis**
Birmingham City Council
- ◆ **Jack Skinner**
Bradford Council
- ◆ **Linzi Gow**
Dorset Council
- ◆ **Nichola Bennett**
Suffolk County Council
- ◆ **Paula Koustas**
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Team Leader of the Year, Children's Services

Supported by Devon County Council

In this category the judges are 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 was:

- ◆ **Carol Long**
Researcher, Durham University
- ◆ **Joanna Nicolas**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Liz Hewitt**
Skylakes Social Work
- ◆ **Sherry Malik**
NSPCC

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Hannah Gregory**
Gloucestershire County Council
- ◆ **Justin Colman**
London Borough of Lambeth
- ◆ **Laura Bissell**
Darlington Borough Council
- ◆ **Loredana Grigore**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Louise Pashley**
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough 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 people who use social work services.

The judging panel for this category was:

- ◆ **Caroline Waugh**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Clenton Farquharson MBE**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Gary Spencer-Humphrey**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Sally Percival**
Think Local Act Personal

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **ASC West Locality Team 3**
Leicester City Council
- ◆ **Cheltenham Innovation Team**
Gloucestershire County Council
- ◆ **Forest of Dean Innovation Team**
Gloucestershire County Council
- ◆ **Integrated Hospital Discharge Team**
South Tyneside Council
- ◆ **Learning Disability Innovation Team**
Gloucestershire County Council
- ◆ **Least Restrictive Practice Team**
Hampshire County Council
- ◆ **Mental Health Social Work Team**
North Lincolnshire Council
- ◆ **West Devon Community Health & Social Care Team**
Devon County Council / Livewell Southwest

Team of the Year, Children's Services

Supported by the 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 was:

- ◆ **George O'Shaughnessy**
Care-experienced young person
- ◆ **Imogen Tutt**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Joanna Nicolas**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Liz Hewitt**
Skylakes Social Work
- ◆ **Olivia Terrett**
Barnardo's Youth Colleague

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Children and Young People's Team**
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- ◆ **Exploitation Team**
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- ◆ **Family Group Conference Plus Team, including Lifelong Links**
Devon County Council
- ◆ **Hillingdon Adolescents Team**
London Borough of Hillingdon
- ◆ **Integrated Children with Disabilities Team**
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- ◆ **Tower Hamlets Fostering Development Team**
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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 was:

- ◆ **Jane Haywood**
Team Leader of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Jennifer Staude**
Adult Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Karen Maude**
Practice Educator of the Year Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Lily Hopkins**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Rob Mitchell**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Rachel Smith**
Team of the Year, Children's Services Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Sharon Stockwell**
Team of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2018

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Charlotte Norris**
Focus Adult Social Work
- ◆ **Ebenezer Arhin**
Luton Council
- ◆ **Ella Waughman**
Cambridgeshire County Council
- ◆ **Hannah Creasy**
Livewell Southwest
- ◆ **Johannes Groenewald**
Suffolk County Council
- ◆ **Zachary Bishop**
Cornwall Council

Newly Qualified Children's Social Worker of the Year

Supported by Children's Social Work Matters

This award is open to 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 was:

- ◆ **Emma Blakemore**
Innovate CYPS
- ◆ **Esha Mokni**
Barnardo's Youth Colleague
- ◆ **Koreisha Bocus**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Lewis Roberts**
BASW
- ◆ **Maha Sadka**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Malak Sadka**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Sian Miljkovic**
Student Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Charlotte Pennell**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Daniel Blanchard**
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- ◆ **Dan Grimes**
Cambridgeshire County Council
- ◆ **John Walmsley**
Stockport Family
- ◆ **Penny McGee**
London Borough of Islington

Adult Social Worker of the Year

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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 had on the people they support.

The judging panel for this category was:

- ◆ **Caroline Waugh**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Jennifer Staude**
Adult Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Mark Trewin**
Mental Health Social Work Lead, Department of Health and Social Care
- ◆ **Rob Mitchell**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Sally Percival**
Think Local Act Personal
- ◆ **Zoe Williamson**
Mental Health and Overall Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Alison Efford**
Suffolk County Council
- ◆ **Claire Evans**
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- ◆ **Kelly Loan**
Sunderland City Council
- ◆ **Lindsey Chapman**
Shropshire Council
- ◆ **Maxine Thurston**
Norfolk County Council
- ◆ **Sarah Bowling**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Stephen Musgrave**
West Sussex County Council
- ◆ **Sarah Hesketh**
Liverpool City Council
- ◆ **Teresa Barrett**
Livewell Southwest
- ◆ **Tilly Baden**
Dorset Council

Children's Social Worker of the Year

Supported by Barnardo's

This category is open to 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 was:

- ◆ **Chris Dyas**
Children's Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Isabelle Trowler**
Chief Social Worker for Children and Families
- ◆ **Lewis Roberts**
BASW
- ◆ **Liam Newman**
Barnardo's Youth Colleague
- ◆ **Louise Walker MBE**
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- ◆ **Plam Kara-Lewis**
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board
- ◆ **Ric Flo**
Care-experienced young person

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Andrew Caville**
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
- ◆ **Arlene McCarthy**
Wiltshire Council
- ◆ **Brona Law**
Derbyshire County Council
- ◆ **Caroline Heyworth**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Jane Holt**
Peterborough City Council
- ◆ **Joanne Worley**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Leigh Butler**
Central Bedfordshire Council
- ◆ **Tiffany Cook**
North Yorkshire 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. In this category, the judges are looking for practitioners who can demonstrate how they have successfully made a difference in promoting the value-base of social work.

The judging panel for this category was:

- ◆ **Kuldip Kaur Kang**
BASW
- ◆ **Lily Hopkins**
Essex County Council
- ◆ **Louise Walker MBE**
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- ◆ **Sharon Martin**
National IRO Managers Partnership
- ◆ **Sherry Malik**
NSPCC
- ◆ **Vicci Livingstone-Thompson**
Inclusion Gloucestershire

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Richmond and Wandsworth Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Team**
- ◆ **Emma Cox**
Central Bedfordshire Council
- ◆ **Gail Faulkner**
Leeds City Council
- ◆ **Katherine Else**
Livewell Southwest
- ◆ **Miranda Lynn Johnson**
Birmingham City 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. In this category the judges are looking for evidence of the vast difference that an individual has made to people who use social work services, and how they have inspired colleagues.

The judging panel for this category was:

- ◆ **Anthony Douglas CBE**
Outstanding Contribution to Social Work Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Brian Walsh OBE**
Trustee, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **Elaine James**
Bradford Council
- ◆ **Lyn Romeo**
Chief Social Worker for Adults
- ◆ **Peter Smith**
Lifetime Achievement Award Winner 2018
- ◆ **Simon Shreeve**
Creative & Innovative Social Work Practice Award Winner 2018

The finalists selected are:

- ◆ **Carole Goodman**
Cafcass
- ◆ **Chris Denovan**
Somerset County Council
- ◆ **Debbie Jones**
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- ◆ **Teresa Barrett**
Livewell Southwest
- ◆ **Tony Wright**
Forward Assist

Outstanding Contribution to Social Work

A special award will be presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the social work profession. This award will recognise the achievements of an individual who has helped 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, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **James Rook**
Chief Executive, Sanctuary Personnel
- ◆ **Joanna Nicolas**
Independent Child Protection Consultant and Author
- ◆ **Ana Popovici**
Director of Children's Services,
London Borough of Wandsworth
- ◆ **Rob Mitchell**
Principal Social Worker,
Bradford Council
- ◆ **Brian Walsh OBE**
Chair, Camphill Village Trust
- ◆ **Gary Spencer-Humphrey**
Senior Social Work Practitioner,
West Sussex County Council
- ◆ **Jessica Beach**
Principal Social Worker,
Worcestershire County Council

Overall Social Worker of the Year

Supported by Sanctuary Personnel

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 was decided by the following Trustees:

- ◆ **Peter Hay CBE**
Chair, The Social Work Awards
- ◆ **James Rook**
Chief Executive, Sanctuary Personnel
- ◆ **Joanna Nicolas**
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Worcestershire County Council



Thanks to our judging panel



Anthony Douglas CBE
Outstanding Contribution to Social Work Award Winner 2018



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University of Bradford



Brian Walsh OBE
Trustee, The Social Work Awards



Carol Long
Researcher, Durham University



Caroline Waugh
Think Local Act Personal



Chris Dyas
Children's Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018



Clenton Farquharson MBE
Think Local Act Personal



Dave Thomas MBE
Central Bedfordshire Council



Elaine James
Bradford Council



Emma Blakemore
Innovate CYPs



Esha Mokni, Aged 15
Barnardo's



Gary Spencer-Humphrey
Trustee, The Social Work Awards



George O'Shaughnessy
Care-experienced young person



Imogen Tutt, Aged 16
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board



Isabelle Trowler
Chief Social Worker for Children & Families



Jane Haywood
Team Leader of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2018



Jennifer Staude
Adult Social Worker of the Year Award Winner 2018



Jessica Beach
Trustee, The Social Work Awards



Joanna Nicolas
Trustee, The Social Work Awards



Karen Maude
Practice Educator of the Year Award Winner 2018



Koreisha Bocus, Aged 20
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board



Kuldip Kaur Kang
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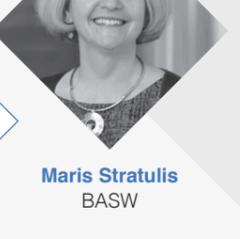
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Chief Social Worker for Adults



Maha Sadka, Aged 16
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board



Malak Sadka, Aged 19
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board



Maris Stratulis
BASW



Mark Trewin
Mental Health Social Work Lead, Department of Health and Social Care



Olivia Terrett
Barnardo's Youth Colleague



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Chair, The Social Work Awards



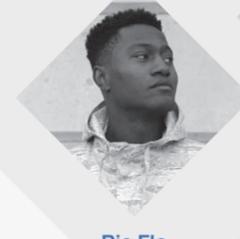
Peter Smith
Lifetime Achievement Award Winner 2018



Plam Kara-Lewis, Aged 18
Cafcass Family Justice Young People's Board



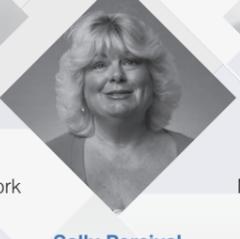
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Team of the Year, Children's Services Award Winner 2018



Ric Flo
Care-experienced young person



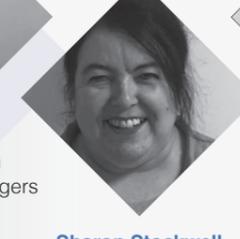
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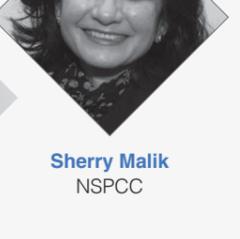
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National IRO Managers Partnership



Sharon Stockwell
Team of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2018



Sherry Malik
NSPCC



Jane Haywood
Team Leader of the Year, Adult Services Award Winner 2018



Jennifer Staude
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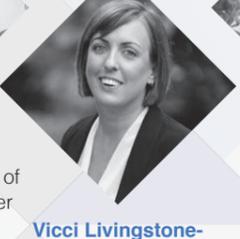
Karen Maude
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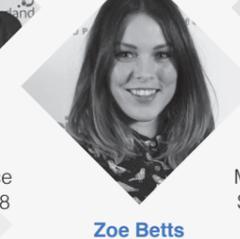
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