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Nominations

Nominations are invited for individuals or organisations whose work has furthered the contribution of the creative arts in fostering the health and wellbeing of older people in the following ways:

- Through the development and delivery of high quality programmes of creative arts activity helping to promote the health and wellbeing of older people
- Through undertaking substantial research or evaluation studies on the contribution of the creative arts in promoting the health and wellbeing of older people

Nominations should be received by FRIDAY 4th JULY 2014 and will be considered by a special Awards Committee established by the RSPH.

The Awards Committee will consider nominations in relation to the following criteria:

- The activity or project addresses significant health and wellbeing issues affecting older people
- There is evidence of participant involvement in the planning and delivery of the activity or project
- There is evidence of good partnership working (e.g. between the NHS, local authorities, charities, voluntary organisations, the private care sector and creative arts organisations)
- The project has a wide scope and reach and addresses issues of diversity and inclusion
- The project is evidence-based or has generated evidence on the effectiveness of the initiative in promoting wellbeing, health and social inclusion

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A decision will be announced by the end of July 2014, and the awards will be presented at the RSPH Arts and Health Awards Ceremony in October 2014.


Nominations should come from someone who is independent of the organisation or project put forward.

In making the nomination, please explain in no more than 1000 words, why you feel the work of the individual, organisation or researcher(s) deserves to be recognised through an award from the Royal Society for Public Health. Please ensure that you describe the nature of the activity or research and highlight the quality of its contribution drawing upon the five criteria given above.

Please ensure that you have the permission of the organisation, person or team you wish to nominate to share their contact details and describe the nature of their work.

Awards Committee

- Professor Paul Camic, Canterbury Christ Church University
- Professor Stephen Clift, Canterbury Christ Church University
- Dr. Heather Davison, Royal Society for Public Health
- Emeritus Professor Norma Daykin, University of the West of England
- Veronica Franklin Gould, Chief Executive, Arts 4 Dementia
- Thrisha Haldar, Freelance Arts and Health Consultant
- Tim Robertson, Director, Koestler Trust (Winner 2013)
- Polly Wright, Director, Hearth Project

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