

Call for Edinburgh to nominate its older people's champion



Edinburgh residents are invited to nominate their local champions for older people for the Age Scotland Awards 2013. The Charity is looking for individuals, groups, partnerships and services that are inspirational in making a difference to older people. The Awards will be presented at the Scottish Parliament on 1st October; the UN International Day of Older Persons, with the closing date for nominations 30th August.

Nominations are invited in five categories: campaigning and influencing, partnership working, services for older people, volunteer of the year and Age Scotland member group of the year. These are sponsored respectively by McCarthy and Stone, Raeside and Chisholm, Specsavers at Home, David Urquhart Travel and Solicitors for Older People Scotland. Details on how to nominate are available online at www.agescotland.org.uk/awards or by calling 0845 833 9334 to request a postal entry form.

Brian Sloan, Age Scotland Chief Executive, said: "Through the Awards we aim to challenge popular myths about later life and our ageing population, demonstrate the vibrancy of older people's voluntary action, and inspire others to follow the example of Scotland's best services for, and by, older people. So if you know of, or are, an individual, group or service in Edinburgh worthy of wider recognition, whether in the public, private or voluntary sector, a nomination from you will be warmly welcomed."