

Lynne McNicoll receives good citizenship award



Lynne McNicoll baton bearer with Presiding Officer Tricia Marwick MSP during the Queen's Baton Relay

The Sir William Y Darling Bequest for Good Citizenship for 2013/14 has been awarded to Lynne McNicoll in recognition for her work with [It's Good 2 Give!](#) and the [Andrew Cyclist Charitable Trust](#).

The Rt Hon Lord Provost Donald Wilson made the presentation during a civic reception held in the City Chambers this evening. Although we are not there here is a photo from the ceremony:

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In being nominated, Lynne was praised for her passion and commitment to fundraising to support local people and cycle safety in Edinburgh's streets.

The Lord Provost said: "This is a well deserved recognition and I am astounded by the amount of time, patience, hard work and commitment Lynne has given back to the community through her charity work.

"Her nomination is testament to her perseverance and warm character, and the award has been presented with gratitude what she has done for the citizens of the city."

The [Award](#), which is made annually to a citizen or citizens who, in the opinion of the Council, “has or have done most for the City’s Honour and Welfare”, was bequeathed by the late Sir William Y Darling, Lord Provost of Edinburgh from 1941–1944. The Council made the decision to give the 2013/14 award to Lynne in July this year.

The [Andrew Cyclist Charitable Trust](#) was set up in January 2012 by Lynne and her husband Ian after the death of Ian’s son Andrew in a cycling incident on Lanark Road. The Trust was granted charitable status in May 2012. The charity aims to work with others to make cycling safer in Scotland.

Lynne is the co-founder and chair of the registered charity [It’s Good 2 Give!](#) which has raised over £700,000 for local young people with cancer and their families. The charity aims to raise £1 million to fund the build of a purpose-built respite house for young people and their families affected by cancer. This will allow families to visit a purpose-built, restful, safe place for a short break together.

The Edinburgh Reporter spoke to Lynne about Ripple House earlier this year when she had been chosen as a Baton Bearer for the Queen’s Baton Relay:

In May 2014, Lynne was a finalist in the Pride of Edinburgh Awards for Fundraiser of the Year, and in 2013 she reached the final of the Big Hearted Scot Awards.