

# Scottish Heritage Angel Awards 2015



Entries are now open for the 2015 Scottish Heritage Angel Awards. The Scottish Heritage Angel Awards, which acknowledge and celebrate the valuable contributions made to Scotland's historic environment by volunteers or 'Heritage Angels', invite nominations from community groups and individuals. You have until 30 June 2015 to enter for an Angel Award.

Funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, the Awards – the first of their kind in Scotland – will celebrate the significant role that is carried out by volunteers in helping to better understand, appreciate and protect Scotland's heritage and history for current and future generations. This initiative will also support the delivery of the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland – Our Place in Time, which places a strong focus on community participation and engagement in heritage.

Entries are welcomed from volunteers, individuals and groups, involved in heritage projects of all scales, spanning the length and breadth of Scotland.

'Heritage Angels' are being sought whose voluntary work has benefited various types of heritage projects, including local volunteers working to engage the community with local history, architecture and archaeology; community groups undertaking local landscape surveys and restoration projects that have relied on and benefited from the involvement of local volunteers.

People throughout Scotland will also have the opportunity to nominate an individual in recognition of their ongoing commitment and dedication for the benefit of the wider historic environment.

The five Scottish Heritage Angel Awards categories are:

Investigating and Recording

Caring and Protecting

Sharing and Celebrating

Capacity Building

Lifetime Contribution to the Historic Environment

Entries for the Angel Awards will be judged by a panel of experts from within the heritage sector before a shortlist is put before the judges, who will choose an overall winner from each category.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose charity, the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, established the Scottish Heritage Angel Awards in 2014, said: "I am delighted that the efforts of individuals and communities in Scotland working to preserve their heritage are to be recognised through these awards. I am passionate about saving heritage at risk and salute all those who volunteer – I urge you to come forward and let us celebrate your achievements."

This year will see shortlisted entrants from across the country invited to the first Scottish Heritage Angel Awards in a ceremony announcing the winners of each Angel Award category. The inaugural ceremony will take place in Edinburgh, on Monday 28 September.

The Scottish Heritage Angel Awards are being delivered in a partnership between the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, the Scottish Government, Historic Scotland, The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, Scottish Civic Trust and Archaeology Scotland.

John Pelan, Director of the Scottish Civic Trust, said: "We're pleased to be able to invite nominations and entries for the very first Scottish Heritage Angel Awards celebrating community groups and volunteers, from across the country, who are delivering heritage projects."

“The Angel Awards initiative, new to Scotland, is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the significant contribution that volunteers throughout Scotland make to our culturally rich historic environment.”

Applications for the inaugural 2015 Scottish Heritage Angel Awards are now open. For more information and for full details on how to enter, or nominate someone else, for an Angel Award please visit [www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk](http://www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk)