

Nominations open for The Edinburgh Award



The search begins for the ninth recipient of the Edinburgh Award as nominations are launched today.

Established in 2007, the [Edinburgh Award](#) is a way for Edinburgh citizens to pay a lasting tribute to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the city through their achievements.

Past recipients include authors JK Rowling and Ian Rankin, sports stars Sir Chris Hoy and George Kerr, scientist Professor Peter Higgs and art entrepreneur Richard Demarco – each of whom has a cast of their handprints imprinted in flagstones in front of the Capital's City Chambers. Last year's recipient, 95-year-old Edinburgh war veteran Tom Gilzean, was the first person selected to received the award based on his contribution to charity work.



Nominations are sought annually from communities, businesses and individuals across Edinburgh and the winner is selected by a panel chaired by the Lord Provost.

The Lord Provost, Donald Wilson, said: "The Edinburgh Award celebrates outstanding ambassadors for the city. To date, the accolade has been given to people who have contributed to the arts, literature, sport, science and charity as voted for by residents and chosen by the panel – anyone can be nominated. Everyone in Edinburgh has someone they think has made a lasting contribution to the city and deserves recognition and this is the chance to make your voice heard."

Nominations can be made online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghaward and must be received no later than Friday 27 November 2015. Postal nominations are also available.

The recipient will be presented with an engraved Loving Cup by the Lord Provost at a ceremony early next year.

Make your nomination for the [Edinburgh Award](#).

Photo of Tom Gilzean courtesy of The City of Edinburgh Council