

# Big Hearts Named as Finalist in Scottish Charity Awards



Big Hearts Community Trust is delighted to announce that the Big Hearts Supporters Movement is in the running for a 2017 Scottish Charity Award.

Re-defining supporters' engagement in their local community, Big Hearts is the only football club charity shortlisted this year. Big Hearts Supporters aims to give fans of Heart of Midlothian Football Club opportunities to give their time to support local charities in Edinburgh.

This unique fan engagement initiative, and the first of its kinds for a charity in Scottish football, aims to facilitate supporters of Heart of Midlothian Football Club to become volunteers in their local community.

Organised by Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), the Awards, which are free to enter, celebrate the life-changing work of charities, community groups and individuals dedicated to making Scotland a better place to live.

Craig Wilson, Big Hearts General Manager, said: "We are thrilled to have the fantastic opportunity to highlight once again the amazing outcomes of our Big Hearts Supporters initiative. Since launching 15 months ago, the movement has allowed us to support even more families across Edinburgh and have clearly opened new perspectives for football fans' engagement in their local community."

Martin Sime, Chief Executive, SCVO, said: "Year after year Scottish charities and voluntary organisations prove themselves to be beacons for creativity, tenacity and innovation. This year's Scottish Charity Awards finalists demonstrate these qualities in abundance and are shining examples of how people can work together to make Scotland a better place."

All shortlisted entries will also compete for the People's Choice Award which will be decided by the public via online voting. The public can vote for Big Hearts by clicking on the following link: [Scottish Charity Awards 2017](#)