

Point of Light award for Edinburgh professor

The Prime Minister has today recognised an Edinburgh cancer specialist by giving him a Point of Light Award.

Professor Tim Eden is a cancer specialist assisting children living with cancer and particularly the charity World Child Cancer. The charity assists 5,000 children living with cancer each year.



Professor Tim Eden with colleagues

In developed countries 80 per cent of children with cancer survive, but in developing countries that statistic can be as low as 10 per cent. Tim has been invaluable to the charity

with his expertise. He advises the charity on providing essential medicines including chemotherapy supplies, and he is also medical adviser to Teenage Cancer Trust, as well as President of the 'International Society of Paediatric Oncologists.'

In a personal letter to Tim, Prime Minister Theresa May said:

"The success of World Child Cancer is a testament to your invaluable work creating lasting partnerships between hospitals in developed countries and struggling cancer wards in Africa, Asia and Central America. By lending your extensive medical expertise to the charity, you are providing essential support to thousands of children with cancer every year."

Tim said: "This is a big surprise but a very welcome one not just to me but for all my wonderful colleagues with whom I work as a volunteer at 'World Child Cancer' and the hospital teams in both high -income countries and those in developing countries who have been recruited to create twinning partnerships to improve the diagnosis, care and survival of children worldwide."

The Points of Light award recognises outstanding volunteers who make a change in their community and who inspire others.

Someone is nominated for an award every day. which follows the lead of a US programme honouring shining examples of volunteering across the UK.