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## AWARDS COUNCIL CEREMONY

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Members of the Council are invited to attend the annual Awards Council ceremony on **22 April 2021 at 7.00 pm.**

The ceremony will be held via Zoom, at the following link:

<https://weareislington.zoom.us/j/91205226043>

The following awards will be presented:

1. The Ben Kinsella Award 2021

To present the Ben Kinsella Award 2021 to Jayden Duff.

2. Civic Awards 2021

To present Civic Awards to the following people:

- Jamad Abdi
- Andover Estate Community Centre Food Project
- Mark Austin
- Copenhagen Street Food Bank
- The Love and Loss Group
- Elaine Maffrett
- St Luke's Community Centre
- Rosalyn Tyrell

Please note that this is not a formal meeting of the council for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972.

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## WINNER OF THE BEN KINSELLA AWARD 2021

<p><b>JAYDEN DUFF</b></p> <p>Nominated by: James Dallow</p>	<p>Jayden's creative skills and intellectual curiosity has made him stand out through his involvement in "Stress on the Brain" – a partnership project involving The Peel, New River College, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and SoapBox. As one of 9 NRC students creating a music track and accompanying video that explored the impact of stress on the human brain, Jayden became the project's driving force realising his leadership potential and musical talent. Jayden became Stress on the Brain's figurehead as lead vocalist on the audio track and a pivotal figure in creating the visual look of the video.</p> <p>To date the video has had 22,368 views on YouTube placing it in the top 2.8% of all videos released on this platform. Although a collaborative effort, Jayden was clearly Stress on the Brain's standout, creating a legacy which will continue to benefit his peers for years to come and creating the most active and engaged with YouTube Channel of any youth centre in the UK.</p> <p>Jayden has subsequently embarked on further developing his musical knowledge and skills through an ongoing music development course led by music producer Joel Lees. Jayden coped with the challenges of a stop-start project due to the enforced shift to online with maturity and composure and has shown himself to be an inspiration to others.</p>
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## WINNERS OF THE MAYOR'S CIVIC AWARDS 2021

<p><b>JAMAD ABDI</b></p> <p>Nominated by: Vivien Cutler</p>	<p>After a dangerous journey Jamad arrived in the UK from Somalia as a refugee from the civil war in 1994 and has lived with her family in Islington for 18 years.</p> <p>Jamad had already started working as an early year's practitioner in Somalia, and continued with this work in Islington with the Bright Start Team. Jamad was a Bilingual Family Support worker with families from the Somali community for seven years and for the past four years Jamad has been a Family Engagement Worker supporting families with children aged 0-5 in Islington South. Jamad also set up the Galbur Foundation – a voluntary charitable organisation to support children and young people's education in both Somalia and the UK.</p> <p>Jamad also established an innovative project in St Peter's Ward called 'Dad in Action' for fathers from the Horn of Africa to empower and encourage them to be more involved in their children's development and help them to reach their potential.</p> <p>Recognising that Muslim girls of all communities wanted to be able to play football, she created the Hijabi Footy Club for girls aged 9-16 years who met on a Sunday morning throughout the school year and were coached by a woman student.</p> <p>During the Summers of 2018 and 2019 Jamad organised a ward based Iftar celebration that took place outside on a St Peter's Street which was a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about Islam and its festivals and to enjoy a great meal together. Over 400 people and their children turned up. With her boundless energy and strong commitment to the local community, Jamad has made a real difference.</p>
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<p><b>ANDOVER ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOOD PROJECT</b></p> <p>Nominated by: Chris Donovan</p>	<p>At the start of the pandemic the surplus food project at the Andover Community Centre was scaled up to meet the increasing needs of Finsbury Park residents. The involvement of the Finsbury Mutual Aid Group and other volunteers who have supported the project since March 2020 made the project very successful and it now distributes around 130 bags of food every week. Over the past 11 months around 6000 bags of largely surplus food have been shared with households in the ward.</p> <p>The creative and collaborative approach of the Andover Food Project volunteer team and their dedication, hard work and much-appreciated sense of humour has been crucial to the success of the project and in delivering vital support to many residents.</p>
<p><b>MARK AUSTIN</b></p> <p>Nominated by: Ellie Chesterman</p>	<p>Mark has been the Chair of the Family Carers Reference Group for families who care for adults with learning disabilities for many years. Volunteering his time, he brings together family carers on a monthly basis and has created a safe space for people to meet, support each other and raise key issues. Under Mark's passionate leadership, the reference group has become a powerful and united voice for family carers in the borough, working in partnership with the council to shape services and improve the lives of adults with learning disabilities. Mark also volunteers significant amounts of time and energy to the development of new learning disability services in Islington and is a volunteer member of the North Central London Transforming Care Board.</p> <p>Mark has devoted much of his life to the learning disability and family carer community in Islington and the community will be forever grateful to him for this.</p>
<p><b>COPENHAGEN STREET FOOD BANK</b></p> <p>Nominated by: Cllrs Paul Convery, Una O'Halloran and Sarah Hyde</p>	<p>Sister Miriam Attracta Joan and the rest of the team at the Copenhagen Street food Bank have created a strong community resource. For the past three years, with limited resources but 100% commitment, they have developed a weekly drop-in distributing food and other items to make life just a little bit easier for some of the more vulnerable Cally residents.</p> <p>They have recently developed partnerships with the Cally &amp; Barnsbury Mutual Aid Group addressing critical support needs during the Covid crisis and this has been an excellent example of a Cally collaboration that really works.</p>
<p><b>THE LOVE AND LOSS GROUP</b></p> <p>Nominated by: Catherine Briody</p>	<p>The Islington based Love and Loss Group was set up by Jennifer Appleton and her niece Tanisha Appleton in 2016 to support families who, like them, have experienced the tragic loss of a family member as the result of murder. They provide peer support, therapeutic activities and a warm and compassionate environment to bereaved families. The members of the group are deeply passionate about sharing their own tragic experiences to help others and with the assistance of Islington Council agreed to make a film with the Islington Youth Offending Service. Launched in October 2020 the Knife Harm Prevention film had eleven bereaved families taking part and has had an incredible response.</p> <p>The film is being shown to young people in schools and youth work settings and has been endorsed by the London Violence Reduction Unit, the Youth Justice Board and the Metropolitan Police. As a result it will be shown across London and the UK. The Love and Loss Group deserve to be recognised for the amazing support the families provide to each other.</p>

<p><b>ELAINE MAFFRETT</b></p> <p>Nominated by: Sarah Martin</p>	<p>Elaine became manager of the Hilldrop Community Centre in 2018. Her energy and imagination, coupled with developing a very good relationship with all members of the Trustee Board, has led to the transformation of the Centre into a thriving respected community body. Elaine has shown herself to be adept at choosing and supporting staff. She has also managed with efficiency and sensitivity the structural changes needed for one of their long-term hirers, the Kingsley organisation, which works with people with disabilities. Elaine has shown great imagination in organising celebration events, meetings and a very successful Health and Well-being Fair before the first lockdown.</p> <p>Staff are encouraged to use their own initiative and their efforts are recognised and rewarded. During the pandemic Elaine has kept her cool and adapted to keep as much of the centre open as possible, ensuring the workers and volunteers are protected. Liaising with Mutual Aid, the Food Hub has grown with the chef preparing healthy tasty vegetarian meals and neighbours of vulnerable residents can pick up a parcel for them.</p> <p>All of these qualities make Elaine an invaluable member of the community and she deserves public recognition for her warmth, energy and determination.</p>
<p><b>ST LUKE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE</b></p> <p>Nominated by: Maxine Edney</p>	<p>Despite having to close the centre at the start of the Covid 19 lockdown in March 2020, St Luke's Community Centre and its volunteers provided an outstanding contribution to ensure local residents were kept safe and supported throughout this difficult time. A Food Hub was set up which distributed almost 70 tonnes of donated food to residents struggling financially and is currently being utilised by 140 households comprising around 380 individuals.</p> <p>Every day, including Christmas Day and Bank Holidays, St Luke's has delivered lunches to the home of vulnerable older residents and those shielding or sick. Staff and volunteers have kept regular contact with residents and have made over 2000 befriending and wellbeing calls to isolated elders and those feeling anxious or lonely. A successful Christmas Appeal resulted in over 400 gifts being delivered to children, pensioners and vulnerable residents. The St Luke's Community Centre has consistently and creatively adapted to the changes necessary through the pandemic and has created an online Job Club, introduced a 'Take-away' Lunch Club and arranged Picnics in the park.</p>
<p><b>ROSALYN TYRELL</b></p> <p>Nominated by: Cllr Anjna Khurana</p>	<p>Rosalyn Tyrell, known as Rose, has been a volunteer at the Hanley Crouch Community Association for over 10 years. At 80 years of age Rosalyn is the Over 50's cook. She also does the shopping and picks up supplies for the lunch club, having taken over this role after they lost a member of the team.</p> <p>Rosalyn is always hardworking and is a cherished, valued member of the community.</p>