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## **NOMINATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

The **Bristol Young Heroes Awards** is an exciting new initiative sponsored by GKN Aerospace and Wales and West Utilities with the first event taking place on Friday 28th March 2014 at The Grand, Thistle Hotel Bristol.

**Closing date for nominations has been extended by 1 week to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**

The awards will recognise the valuable contribution that Bristol's young people (aged 11-19) make to the city - particularly those that have overcome difficult circumstances, made a difference in the lives of others or achieved great things.

Categories for 2014 are as follows:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Community Action**
- **Sporting Achievement**
- **Contribution to the Arts**
- **Overcoming Illness or Disability**
- **Courage & Bravery**
- **Enterprise**
- **Inspirational Volunteer**
- **Young Carer**
- **Over-All Young Hero 2014**

Three nominees from each category will be invited to attend the event as guests of honour. The winning young heroes will be announced on the night and presented with a trophy to commemorate their achievement. You can make a nomination on the Bristol Young Heroes Awards website ([www.bristolyoungheroesawards.co.uk](http://www.bristolyoungheroesawards.co.uk)). **Closing date is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**

This evening of celebration will begin with a drinks reception followed by formal dinner. Award presentation will be made following the dinner and the evening will be topped off with live entertainment guaranteeing it will be evening to remember.

Chief of Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens, Fire Chief Kevin Pearson and the three main party local MP's have confirmed their attendance at this inaugural ceremony which is set to become an annual event.

# BRISTOL YOUNG HEROES AWARDS

Local community groups, schools, charities and churches are invited to nominate young people for an award in the relevant category. A panel of judges will choose three nominees for each award, one of whom will be announced the winner.

Bristol Young Heroes Awards are currently inviting local businesses to sponsor each of the award categories. This is a fantastic opportunity to show your company's commitment to the inspirational work of young people in Bristol and to gain some valuable positive media coverage for your organisation.

Tickets for the awards ceremony can be purchased via the Bristol Young Heroes Awards website ([www.bristolyoungheroesawards.co.uk](http://www.bristolyoungheroesawards.co.uk)) and are available for the general public to buy now.

If you or your organisation would like more information on how to get involved in sponsoring this event, or to nominate a young person, please visit the website or contact the event organisers:

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The Bristol Young Heroes Awards is a Big Blue Box, Bristol YMCA and Churches Together in Greater Bristol initiative, established in light of the current poor portrayal and employment prospects for our young people. Bristol is home to thousands of Young Heroes and we want to find the most inspirational amongst them. We want to publicly affirm and thank them for all that they do and highlight them as the positive face of young people in Bristol. We are planning for this to become an annual event.

**Big Blue Box** has been independently operating since 2004, providing event management, resources and equipment to produce quality indoor and outdoor events. Our experience has been gained whilst working for some of the country's best audio and events organisations over the last 16 years.

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