



**Beacon Awards  
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## Information pack for Beacon Award nominations

Thank you for your interest in nominating someone for a Beacon Award. Many of the UK's leading philanthropists have been honoured with a Beacon Award – following the guidance in this pack will help maximise your nominee's chance of joining this prestigious fellowship.

This pack contains information about the categories and criteria for the Beacon Awards 2017. Please read this information carefully before preparing and submitting your nomination. Nominations are submitted through the [Beacon website](#).

Beacon's role is to promote the exciting work that philanthropists are doing in order to inspire others and to create opportunities for ideas and information exchanges that will make philanthropy even more effective and widespread across the UK.

Beacon is looking for people who are using their resources to benefit society. The amount of money they give is not, on its own, important. What we are seeking is people whose work will inspire others and whose achievements and lessons learned will help other philanthropists as they think about and plan their approaches to changing the world.

Even in less austere times there was plenty of scope and need for philanthropic activity. Beacon is encouraging philanthropists to mobilise new resources more effectively to meet needs, create opportunities and develop new ways of thinking and acting to benefit society.

Beacon is more than an awards ceremony, it is a fellowship network of inspirational and diverse philanthropists, with whom we can connect and from whom we can learn. By highlighting a range of pioneering approaches to giving, we aspire to positively influence the philanthropy of the future.

## Award Categories

The [Beacon Award for Philanthropy](#) is the main category for individual philanthropists; more than one award will be made under this category.

In addition to the Beacon Award for Philanthropy we will also be presenting:

- [Beacon Award for City Philanthropy](#)
- [Beacon Award for Philanthropy in Arts & Culture](#)
- [Beacon Award for Impact Investment](#)
- [Beacon Award for Innovation](#)
- [Beacon Award for an Outstanding Partnership Between a Philanthropist and a Charity](#)
- [Beacon Trailblazer Award](#)
- [Beacon Award for Local Community Philanthropy](#)
- [Beacon Award for Philanthropy in Sport](#)
- Judges' Special Award (for any prospective nominees who do not fit the above categories)

Follow the links above for full details of the criteria for each category.

## Eligibility

**All Beacon nominees must be donors who give away their own personal money** for the benefit of society. In the Impact Investment category nominees must invest their own money for the benefit of society. In all categories the nominees' primary residence must be the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man or Republic of Ireland.

You may nominate an individual, family or small group of individuals working collaboratively (with the exception of the category for outstanding partnership between a philanthropist and a charity).

Beacon Award winners will be asked to participate in Beacon's thought leadership events and ideas exchange opportunities. Please try to put forward people who you think would be willing to let their philanthropic work be used in this way.

## Preparing your nomination

The nomination form has been made short and simple so that the judges receive the most relevant information about the nominee. Please ensure that your nomination demonstrates that the nominee meets the basic eligibility criteria, as described above, as well as the criteria for that particular category as described below.

Please refer to the frequently asked questions before submitting your nomination.

Please read through the whole nomination form before starting your nomination in order to ensure you have all the required information.

Please note that the judges will not be looking for nominees to meet every point on the second part of the criteria for each category but will look for nominees whose work is excellent against *some* of those criteria.

In January 2017 Beacon will convene independent panels of judges who are experts in philanthropy. These judges will make the final decision about which nominees will be honoured with a Beacon Award.

Please note, that although we ask you to assign your nominees to the category you deem most appropriate, Beacon does reserve the right to re-allocate nominees to more suitable categories should we feel this is necessary.

[Follow this link for frequently asked questions.](#)

**The deadline for submitting a nomination is 5pm on Monday 5th December 2016**

If you have questions that are not answered by this document, please do email us at [beaconfellowship@ukcommunityfoundations.org](mailto:beaconfellowship@ukcommunityfoundations.org) and one of the Beacon team will get back to you.

The Beacon Awards are managed by [UK Community Foundations](#)

## Categories and Criteria

### **Beacon Award for Philanthropy**

*This is the main award category and more than one winner will be recognised under this category. This category celebrates philanthropists who are changing the world and are inspirational examples of best practice for others to follow.*

#### **Criteria**

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Is inspirational and contains insights and lessons learned that philanthropists will find useful for their own work

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has already involved successful collaboration with other philanthropists or agencies
- Has or will inspire systems/policy change
- Has achieved some success that indicates a strong likelihood of future success and impact
- Leverages cash with expertise, insight and engagement
- Has addressed new or emerging needs or addressed long standing needs in a new, innovative and effective way

## Beacon Award for City Philanthropy

*To be eligible in this category your nominee must work in the financial, professional or business sectors based in the City of London, Mayfair or Canary Wharf*

*This award celebrates the work of a City philanthropist whose work supports and/or inspires the next generation of City philanthropists.*

### Criteria

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Supports and/or inspires the next generation of City philanthropists

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has already involved successful collaboration with other philanthropists or agencies
- Has or will inspire systems/policy change
- Has achieved some success that indicates a strong likelihood of future success and impact
- Leverages cash with expertise, insight and engagement
- Has addressed new or emerging needs or addressed long standing needs in a new, innovative and effective way

## Beacon Award for Philanthropy in Arts and Culture

*This award celebrates the work of an individual, family or small group of individuals working collaboratively whose giving significantly enriches the cultural fabric of society through dedication to the arts and/or heritage.*

### Criteria

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Is inspirational and contains insights and lessons learned that philanthropists will find useful for their own work

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has already involved successful collaboration with other philanthropists or agencies
- Has or will inspire systems/policy change
- Has achieved some success that indicates a strong likelihood of future success and impact
- Leverages cash with expertise, insight and engagement
- Has addressed new or emerging needs or addressed long standing needs in a new, innovative and effective way

## Beacon Award for Impact Investment

*This award celebrates the work of an individual, family or a small group of individuals working collaboratively, who have addressed social, charitable or environmental challenges while generating a financial return.*

### Criteria

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Is inspirational and contains insights and lessons learned that philanthropists will find useful for their own work; and:
- Has led the way in philanthropically motivated investment

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has already involved successful collaboration with other philanthropists or agencies
- Has or will inspire systems/policy change
- Has achieved some success that indicates a strong likelihood of future success and impact
- Leverages cash with expertise, insight and engagement
- Has addressed new or emerging needs or addressed long standing needs in a new, innovative and effective way

## Beacon Award for Innovation

*This award celebrates the work of an individual, family or small group of individuals working collaboratively whose giving is innovative and pioneering either in regards to approach, methodology or chosen direction of travel.*

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Is inspirational and contains insights and lessons learned that philanthropists will find useful for their own work

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has already involved successful collaboration with other philanthropists or agencies
- Has achieved some success that indicates a strong likelihood of future success and impact
- Leverages cash with expertise, insight and engagement
- Has addressed new or emerging needs or addressed long standing needs in a new, innovative and effective way

## **Beacon Award for an Outstanding Partnership between a Philanthropist and a Charity**

*This award celebrates excellent collaboration between a philanthropist and a charity that serves as an example of best practice that will inspire others to give well.*

### **Criteria**

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Is inspirational and contains insights and lessons learned that philanthropists will find useful for their own work; and
- Has involved successful collaboration between a donor and a charity beyond a transactional relationship

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has or will inspire systems/policy change
- Leverages cash with expertise, insight and engagement
- Has addressed new or emerging needs or addressed long standing needs in a new, innovative and effective way
- Has achieved some success that indicates a strong likelihood of future success and impact

## **Beacon Trailblazer Award**

*This award celebrates the work of an individual, family or small group of individuals working collaboratively whose approach to giving is impactful and original. Nominees who are early on in their philanthropic journey, but who have achieved great impact, are well suited to this category.*

### **Criteria**

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Is inspirational and contains insights and lessons learned that philanthropists will find useful for their own work

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has already involved successful collaboration with other philanthropists or agencies
- Has or will inspire systems/policy change
- Has achieved some success that indicates a strong likelihood of future success and impact
- Leverages cash with expertise, insight and engagement
- Has addressed new or emerging needs or addressed long standing needs in a new, innovative and effective way

### **Beacon Award for Local Community Philanthropy**

*This award celebrates the work of an individual, family or small group of individuals working collaboratively whose giving significantly enriches a local area. Especially suitable for nominees whose giving is place specific/has had a substantial impact on community wellbeing in a particular region.*

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Is inspirational and contains insights and lessons learned that philanthropists will find useful for their own work

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has already involved successful collaboration with other philanthropists or agencies
- Has or will inspire systems/policy change
- Has achieved some success that indicates a strong likelihood of future success and impact
- Leverages cash with expertise, insight and engagement
- Has addressed new or emerging needs or addressed long standing needs in a new, innovative and effective way

### **Beacon Award for Philanthropy in Sport**

*This award celebrates the work of an individual sports person, sporting family or group of sports people working collaboratively, whose giving has made a notable contribution to the field of philanthropy. This award also celebrates nominees whose giving positively impacts society, by using sports as a vehicle for social change and advancements in wellbeing.*

The judges will be looking for work that:

- Is inspirational and contains insights and lessons learned that philanthropists will find useful for their own work

**And** a combination of *some* of the following:

- Is targeted and intentional
- Has achieved impact
- Has been sustained over time
- Has already involved successful collaboration with other philanthropists or agencies
- Has or will inspire systems/policy change
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## **Frequently asked questions regarding the nominations process**

### **Will Beacon inform my nominee if they do not win?**

This is your choice. Beacon would very much like to write to nominees who do not win congratulating them on being nominated and inviting them to Beacon events including our ideas exchange events for philanthropists. However, we recognise that some nominators would not wish their nominee to know that they had been unsuccessful so we are happy to treat these nominations in strict confidence.

The nomination form asks whether you would like Beacon to contact your nominee in the event that they are unsuccessful, Beacon will respect the wishes you express on the nomination form.

### **Can I nominate a business?**

No, Beacon only gives awards to individuals, families, and charities (the latter only in the charity partnership category).

### **Can I nominate someone who has raised money for charity?**

Beacon only gives awards to individuals whose philanthropy is made up of their own personal giving so nominees should be donors themselves.

### **Can I nominate someone who has passed away?**

Beacon does not make posthumous awards.

### **Can I nominate someone whose giving is overseas?**

Yes, a nominee's primary residence needs to be in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man or Republic of Ireland but their giving can be anywhere in the world.

### **Can I nominate someone who has been nominated for a Beacon Award before?**

Beacon welcomes nominations of philanthropists who have been nominated in previous years. However, philanthropists who have won in previous years are not eligible to win again – see [this page](#) on the Beacon website for a full list of past winners.

### **What should I do if I do not know which category to nominate someone in?**

Nominate them in the category you think is most appropriate. If we think that a nominee is better suited to a different category we will move them so that the judges see everyone in the most appropriate category.

### **What are the judges' special awards for?**

Judges have discretion to make awards to any nominees they think do not fit any of Beacon's categories but whose work is nonetheless in line with Beacon's aim of seeing more and better philanthropy in the UK.

**Can I nominate myself?**

No, self-nominations are not accepted.

**Who decides which nominees will win an award?**

Beacon assembles panels of independent philanthropy experts to judge the awards. The judging will take place in January 2017.

**Should I say how much money my nominee has given away on the nomination form?**

This information might be helpful to judges so include it if you think it is relevant. However, Beacon Awards are given for the quality (as defined by the judging criteria) of someone's giving not the amount they have given.

**Thank You**