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Young Active Citizen Award

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West Midlands Lord-Lieutenant's Active Young Citizens Award 2025-26

It gives me great pleasure to write to you on behalf of Derrick Anderson CBE, our Lord-Lieutenant, with information about our exciting West Midlands Lieutenancy annual award.

In the true spirit of our Commonwealth, our awards embrace the Commonwealth values of humanity, equality and diversity in everything we do. We will celebrate young people who have an extraordinary impact on the community in which they live and the cultural life of the region.

The nomination should reflect the reasons you believe they deserve to be recognised, considering the following award criteria:

- Used their skills and talents to build and strengthen local communities
- Involved in community activity to improve diversity, understanding and reconciliation
- Volunteered and achieved measurable impact on a specific community project
- Overcome personal barriers to participate in cultural opportunities in their educational institution or wider community
- Helped other people overcome barriers and participate in community opportunities
- Been innovative in developing or working on a community project
- Used their skills and talents to help other people access opportunities in their community

To nominate a special individual for this Award, please complete the online nomination form from the West Midlands Lieutenancy website <https://wmlieutenancy.org/what-is-the-young-active-citizen-award/>. Please complete and submit by midnight on 7th February 2026.

The information required includes:

- The name and age of young person (maximum age 25 on 1st September 2025). The awards will be in four age categories: Up to 11 years, 12-14 years, 15-18 years, 19-25 years)
- Explain why the young person should be awarded a Lord-Lieutenant's Young Active Citizen Award based on the criteria (Max 500 words)

We look forward to receiving your nominations and recognising great efforts across our region.

Yours faithfully

Dawn Ward CBE DL

Darci-Bleu Stewart

Darci-Bleu Stewart is a young lady who relishes a challenge. She is made from tough stuff, having endured two bouts of cancer and the treatments that come with it. She does not let it hold her back and every day she thinks of others and how she can help. Darci grew her hair long after her last round of chemotherapy so that it could then be cut and given to charity to make wigs for other children experiencing hair loss. She has done lots of fundraising for charity and is always full of good ideas of what she can do next. She is a great role model through her thoughtfulness and kindness to others.



Jeevan Jhutti

A sports captain and keen rugby player, Jeevan Jhutti takes great pride in representing Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and fundraising for its new Learning Resource Centre. A keen volunteer, Jeevan has marshalled the Walsall Cancer Race for Life and then ran in the Race for Life in Sutton Park, raising funds for Cancer Research UK. Not only is he an active sportsman, but he is also an avid chess player, representing his Scout Troop in chess competitions, qualifying for the county chess competition. He is to be commended for his generosity, proactive mentality and charitable spirit.



Elizabeth Downes

Lizzie Downes has been an active member of the Hurst Hill Performers for several years, but in more recent times she has taken on the role of a Young Leader. She works with the group in the production of community-based shows which are written, directed and performed by members within the group. Lizzie is instrumental in ensuring the young people in the group are seen and heard, giving them opportunities and encouragement. She is fair minded, aware, bright and enthusiastic, keen and able to share her ideas and thoughts in enabling others. She is often sought out by younger members seeking advice and support and she makes a really positive impact. Every group needs a Lizzie!



Syed Adil Ahmed

Syed Ahmed first joined the Deaf World Youth Club over 5 years ago and rapidly became involved with the Youth Forum and eagerly engaged with the Leadership training programme. He became particularly involved in the Road Safety project, passing his driving test first time and becoming a volunteer leader. He is in regular contact with councillors and local MPs and is a campaigner. Syed has used his skills and energy to set up a deaf cricket team which now plays in a Sunday Cricket League, achieving promotion to Division 4 last year. A true devotee of the sport, Syed was invited to the England Deaf Cricket Team trials and practice.





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