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THE QUEEN’S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY GROUPS

The 2022 Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service is now open for nominations for eligible voluntary groups who are making a positive impact in their community and benefitting others through their work.

Announcing the launch of this year’s Award, the Lord-Lieutenant for the Western Isles Donald Martin is encouraging the public to nominate local groups before the closing deadline of Wednesday 15 September 2021. The successful Awards will be announced in June 2022.

Mr Martin said “As we all know this past year has been a particularly challenging one for our communities and we have seen a magnificent response from the voluntary sector in supporting communities in so many ways in response to the COVID pandemic. The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service gives us the opportunity to recognise the contribution of volunteers who have taken the initiative to create, lead and drive forward the work of their organisations.

This prestigious Award is recognised as the MBE for volunteer groups and over the years we have had six groups in the Western Isles who have received the Award. They are Guth Airson Iarratasan Nis (Eoropie Play Park); Spòrsnis; Gàradh a’ Bhàgh a’ Tuath, Northbay; Comunn Eachdraidh Nis; Fèis an Rubha and Counselling and Family Mediation Western Isles. We would like to see more of our outstanding voluntary groups join the list of worthy winners in 2022”.

Nominations are made on-line and further information is available on [www.https://qavs.culture.gov.uk](https://qavs.culture.gov.uk)

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