



Vale of Glamorgan Woman of the Year Awards 2008

In celebration of International Women's Day 2008

Do you know a woman who has made a positive difference to life in the Vale of Glamorgan? If so, this is your chance to have that special woman recognised and rewarded for her contribution. She must live in the Vale, agree to be nominated and fit one of the following categories:

Community Woman of the Year

This recognises the positive difference made to the Vale of Glamorgan by women who actively become involved with local community groups, projects and people. This could include both voluntary and paid workers who are dedicated to enhancing the establishment, development and sustainability of local community activities.

Businesswoman of the Year

This recognises the tremendous contribution being made by women who run their own business or have made a difference within a business. This could include inspiring others, exceptional qualities of innovation, leadership and vision, having overcome barriers within the business arena or made a social or environmental contribution to the life of the Vale.

Sports Volunteer of the Year

This recognises women who have made a crucial difference to the development of sport in the Vale. This could include inspiring others to enjoy sport at a participation level, leading the development of a new or existing sports club / organisation or coaching high level performers at Welsh, British or International level.

Public Servant of the Year

This recognises the dedicated work of women working in public services who have made a real difference in changing peoples lives for the better. Public services rely on teamwork but in some cases an individual effort really stands out and their commitment is often the critical difference between a good public service and an outstanding one.

Carer of the Year

This recognises the outstanding contribution made by unpaid carers who have provided a substantial amount of care on a regular basis for another individual aged 18 or over - or a woman with parental responsibility for a disabled child who has provided a substantial amount of care on a regular basis for that child.

Learner of the Year

This celebrates the exceptional achievements of learners in the Vale to develop their skills, knowledge and awareness through accredited, non-accredited, vocational and informal learning and recognises the significant difference that learning has brought to their lives.

Young Achiever of the Year

This recognises the remarkable achievements of young women (aged 16 to 25) who have been positive role models for others. This could be through citizenship, giving an active and important contribution to a group, project or organisation, achieving success in entrepreneurship, through noteworthy personal development or by valued mentoring.

Woman Returner of the Year

This recognises the achievements of women who have returned to work after a period away from paid employment due to reasons including caring for children or family members, ill health or long-term unemployment. This category celebrates the achievements of such women and recognises the importance of retraining and the benefits of utilising experience gained outside the workplace.

There will be an overall winner 'Vale Woman of the Year' chosen from the winners of the individual categories. A gala presentation will be held on:

Thursday 6th March 2008 at the Memorial Hall, Barry for all shortlisted women

All nominees will receive a certificate to celebrate their involvement in this special event for International Women's Day.

1. This nomination is for the category of:

2. Tell us about yourself (the nominator). Name:

Address:

Tel:

email:

How do you know the person you have nominated? A Friend, colleague, tutor, client etc.?

3. Who are you nominating (the nominee). Name:

Address:

Tel:

email:

4. Please tell us in your own words why you are nominating this person:

5. Your Declaration: I (name of nominator)

declare that the information I have given is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

If successful I would like to attend the presentation on the 6th March YES NO (please tick)

6. Does the person agree to be nominated for this award?

I (name of person being nominated)

agree to being nominated for this award and confirm that the information given is correct.

Signed:

If successful I would like to attend the presentation on the 6th March YES NO (please tick)

Any questions? Telephone 01446 733034 or email communityenterpriseservice@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Please return by **20 January 2008** to: Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry or send (Freepost) to: I W D Freepost NATW 318, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Barry CF63 4RU