

# Nominations Now Open



We would like to invite all individuals accessing mental health, learning disability and autism services across the UK to showcase their achievements at the National Service User Awards.

The categories below are **brand new** for 2023 and have been chosen following a focus group earlier this year, where service users shared what values they associate with the awards and what achievements they would like to be recognised for.

Please note that all entries must be co-produced with service users or residents as a minimum, any entries for projects delivered by staff will not be accepted.

## NEW Categories for 2023

### Lived Experience Leader Award

Individuals with lived experience of mental health needs, learning disabilities or autism, who have driven projects forward and shown the qualities of a leader. It is for those who have inspired others and made a difference at service level to national level.



### Celebrating Diversity Award

Recognising individual's or group projects that are working to not only spread awareness and encourage acceptance, but to strive for all of our differences to be celebrated. These projects may focus on diversity of any kind, including cultural, neuro-diversity, gender identity and more.



### Hope and Positivity Award

Recognising the power of small actions making a big difference. It recognises individuals that are consistently looking out for others and spreading hope and positivity.



### Innovation in Recovery Award

The innovation in recovery category is for projects that are innovative and unique, that haven't been seen before within services. They should be supportive of recovery, whilst showing a creative or original point of view.



### Community and Collaboration Award

Recognises projects that have brought communities, teams, families, carers and/or services together. We would like to hear about teamwork and outreach.

The prestigious 'Mark Britton Service User Choice' Award will also return for 2023. The winner will be determined by live vote during the awards ceremony.

Looking for tips on what makes a good nomination?  
See our top tips at:

[www.nsua.org/nominations](http://www.nsua.org/nominations)



Please scan this QR code to watch a video from the National Service User Awards 2022

To make a nomination please use the online form here: [www.nsua.org/nominations/submit/](http://www.nsua.org/nominations/submit/)

For more information on the Awards, please visit [www.nsua.org](http://www.nsua.org) or email [events@cygnethealth.co.uk](mailto:events@cygnethealth.co.uk)

Finalists will be invited to our exclusive awards ceremony taking place on **Wednesday 20th September** at Treetops Pavilion, West Midlands Safari Park.

Deadline for nominations is **Friday 7th July**  
Judging will take place on **Wednesday 12th July**  
Finalists will be notified by **Friday 21st July**

