

The Sheila Tennant Awards Event took place on the evening of Tuesday, 16th June when prize winning cheques and certificates were presented to:

1. Community Endeavour - St Salvador's Church Food Cupboard

This enterprise is truly in the spirit of Mary Slessor providing food, care, advice and support for those on the margins of society. None are turned away regardless of circumstances or lifestyle.

2. Enterprise and Employment - RockSolid Youth Project

This project is working with children in Douglas, Craigiebank and Mid Craigie, all areas of multiple deprivation in Dundee. The plan of Neil and his team is to open a community shop selling donated goods, fair trade and ethical products, upcycled fashion, art and other items produced by the young people of the project. The judges were confident that this will be managed in a professional and business-like manner.

3. Youth Endeavour - Harris Academy FP Hockey Club

Several members of Harris Academy FP Hockey Club are involved in establishing a Youth Section for youngsters from Harris Academy and its associated Primary Schools. The section has met with some success already in Youth Tournaments and has also sent some of the older youngsters on the UKCC Level 1 Coaching Course. The aim is to provide a safe place in the West End of Dundee for young people to play hockey, meet new friends, develop new skills and have fun participating in local and National Competitions.

4. Creative and Performing Arts Shared prize of £1,000 each

a. Liam Vincent Kilbride

The judges recognised that Liam is a highly talented and motivated student, already with experience in the performing arts as a student at the Scottish Conservatoire. They felt it was appropriate to support him in his many initiatives, which include various community projects. We hope that Liam might come back one day and share his skills with Dundee West and the surrounding community.

b. Lochee Parish Church - Community Drama Project

The judges were impressed by Lochee Parish Church's 'Chance to Thrive' scheme. This drama project involves partnership work with the Rep and those with a local community theatre background, to engage with the community to develop a range of activities, including drama workshops and set design, aimed at addressing different issues in the area, particularly social isolation, with confidence and capacity building also being key outcomes.

5. Creative Christianity Shared prize of £1,000 each

a. Fintry Parish Church - Community Action Project

As part of the Fintry Forum Initiative, whereby local individuals and groups working in the area, meet to share and co-ordinate ideas and activities, the congregation of Fintry

Parish Church, is aiming to extend its hall to provide a community cafe. The shared Sheila Tennant Award will enable them to buy essential equipment for what will be the only cafe in Fintry.

b. St. Luke's Church, Downfield

Appropriately, this is another cafe project - known in Downfield as Cafe Church. Providing an informal environment to meet over coffee and cake, and explore various issues, it is described by Rev. Kerry Dixon as a re-imagining of what it means to be a church for those who have little or no previous connection with it. As interest and participation in this project continues steadily to grow, this shared Sheila Tennant Award will enable the purchase of a laptop with good RAM, to provide professional delivery of multi-media presentations at Cafe Church.

6. Duncan Darroch Award - Special youth award

Steven Elder, a student at Harris Academy, has developed and designed an App which will assist his fellow students in their studies by integrating education systems and technology as a way to store class notes and resources. It is currently being reviewed by interested parties and he intends to use the award to further market and develop opportunities for his idea.



Dundee West Church

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