

Information about the Marsh Award for Volunteers

This is the first Marsh Award for Volunteers. It is a collaborative project between Action for Prisoners' Families and the Marsh Christian Trust to recognise the work of groups of volunteers/or a volunteer who have contributed added value, made a difference and been an inspiration. The winner/s will be awarded £1000 at the Action for Prisoners' Families annual conference on 18th November 2010 to spend **how they choose**.

Who can enter?

Any member (from the statutory or voluntary sector) of Action for Prisoners' Families may nominate a volunteer (or groups of volunteers (up to 10) that they either work with or they know, irrespective of age, location and activity can enter. They must have worked in direct contact with prisoners' families over the past year.

What are we looking for?

1. **Added value** by a unique contribution made through volunteers' own initiative.

Supporting information is required to show how the volunteer or volunteer team:

- Adopted a proactive approach to a particular project that showed real creativity and innovation.
- Provided opportunities for others to develop and learn through the team's activity.

2. **Made a difference** through the substantial impact made by the project.

Actively involving people in different ways. Achieving something over and above normal activities.

3. **Been an inspiration** to others through the work undertaken by the individual/s or project. Demonstrating good teamwork.

Supporting information is required to show how the volunteer or volunteer team:

- Achieved something different and remarkable, over and above the team's usual work programme or normal activities.
- Found new and effective ways to interest and actively involve people or their client group

How will entries be judged and what is the timetable?

All entries will need to be with APF by 31st August 2010 and will initially be individually assessed by the 5 members of the Judging Panel, which consists of:

- A member of Marsh Christian staff
- APF Director
- Volunteer from APF membership
- APF Chair of Board of Trustees
- APF Trustee

The applicants may be contacted at the beginning of September if any clarification is required.

The Judging Panel will meet in mid September 2010 to determine the top 3 entries that will be submitted to the Marsh Christian Trust for final ranking.

Winners will be notified by 1st November 2010.

The final outcome will be announced by Brian Marsh OBE at an awards ceremony at Action for Prisoners' Families annual conference on 18th November 2010.

What are the prizes?

Donated by the Marsh Christian Trust, the prizes are as follows:

- 1st prize - £1000 to be spent as the winner wishes
- 2nd prize - certificate
- 3rd prize - certificate

The prize money of £1000 can be spent on anything the winner wishes..All winners will receive certificates.

How to enter

An entry form is available from the Award Organiser, Lucy Keenan lucykeen@actionpf.org.uk or download a copy of the form from APF website www.prisonersfamilies.org.uk.