

History of the Lundie Memorial Award

The Revd Robert Henry Lundie was born in Kelso, Scotland on 5 November 1824 and at the age of 19 was called to be the minister at the Presbyterian congregation of St Andrews in Birkenhead. The Presbyterian Church of England is one of the denominations which joined together in 1972 to form the United Reformed Church

He was very active in promoting schools (nothing was provided by the state in those days) and Sunday schools locally, and was very keen on improving social conditions.

He was moderator of the General Synod (a bit like General Assembly) twice in his lifetime and moved to Liverpool to set up a new congregation there. The people of Liverpool respected him so much that, when he died, they set up a trust fund in his memory. That trust fund awarded £5 and a medal for essays on 'The Duties of the Citizen' and provided scholarships to university. The award was made annually. The last one was awarded in 1957.

The URC Children's and Youth Work committee asked the trustees and the Charity Commission to change the terms of the trust fund to allow us to use the money in that fund to spotlight the amazing things that children and young people do which often go unnoticed or uncelebrated. This is where you come in!

URC Children's and Youth Work

Lundie Memorial Award



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**Do you know a child
or young person
who is playing their
part in the mission of
God in their church
or Synod, their local
community or the
wider world?**

So what is the new Lundie Memorial Award?

The new Lundie Memorial Award will take the form of two certificates – one for the award winner, one for their church – a rather different kind of medal, and £100 to be spent to benefit children’s and/or youth work in the church, Synod or local community, however the award winner chooses.

What could nominations be for?

This award is designed to highlight and celebrate individuals using their God-given skills, time and talents to good effect within their church, their community, their Synod or even nationally. This can be interpreted in many different ways.

Suggested nominations:

- a young carer
- a young person running a holiday club
- a child volunteering at a dementia café
- a young person fund raising for a Messy Church outing
- a young person providing live music for services
- a child raising money for an overseas development project
- a young person training older people in the use of technology
- a child who turns up early every week to set out the chairs for a club
- a young person volunteering as a peer mentor at college
- anyone under 26 who is playing their part in the mission of God in any way.



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How do I nominate someone? FAQs

Who can be nominated? Anyone under the age of 25 can be nominated

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When can nominations be made? Nominations can be made any time, but the awards will be made by region, with each Synod having three opportunities per year to submit nominations.

Nominations to be made on the 8th of the month (award will be made the following month)		
Group 1	Yorkshire, East Midlands, Eastern	Apr Aug Dec
Group 2	Scotland, Northern, North Western	Jan May Sept
Group 3	Wessex, Thames North, Southern	Feb Jun Oct
Group 4	Mersey, West Midlands, Wales, South Western	Mar July Nov

How do I make a nomination? Nomination forms can be found on the URC website www.bit.ly/LundieAward or from your CYDO or equivalent or you can email children.youth@urc.org.uk for a form. You will need to fill it in and also get the nominee (and their parents if they are under 18) to sign it to agree to you sending us their details. It would be great if you can send a good quality original sized photo of the nominee, preferably doing something connected with their nomination. If they win, this photograph may be used on our website or other publicity to celebrate their achievement.

Send your completed nomination form by post or email to your CYDO or equivalent in your Synod. Details are available here: www.urc.org.uk/cydos

What happens next? Your CYDO will contact you to acknowledge receipt of your nomination and let you know when it will be considered. Nominees will be contacted directly to let them know whether they have been selected for the award. All nominees will receive a certificate and a letter of appreciation.

Who makes the decision? The decision will be made by the Children’s and Youth Work team at Church House and shared via the CYDO or equivalent for the award winner’s Synod.

When will the award be given? CYDOs will arrange for the award to be presented locally, either in the church or Synod.