



department for
culture, media
and sport

‘Who will you nominate?’

Honours are a great way to recognise the achievements of ordinary people who do extraordinary things, so find out how to nominate someone today.

The UK Honours System

improving
the quality
of life for all

Dedication

Achievement

Selflessness

Commitment

Service

Anyone can be put forward for an Honour – and anyone can nominate a person they think truly deserves this recognition.

DCMS is proud of all the people that work and contribute to culture, media and sport and wants to celebrate and champion them through the Honours system. Honours not only recognise the individual's extraordinary achievements, they are also an inspiration to others and benefit the wider community.

Do you know someone – male, female, young or old – who has made an outstanding contribution to creative industries, the arts, heritage conservation, libraries, film, broadcasting, sport or tourism?

Who do you know that fits the bill?

From the tea lady at a film production company to the head of an arts organisation who also volunteers their time for the local community – if they are making a positive difference in our sectors then we want to know about them.

DCMS also wants to encourage nominees from all backgrounds and would especially like to see more people from black and ethnic minorities being recognised for their achievements to reflect the people who work in our sectors.

In recent years, DCMS has put forward many successful nominees who were recognised for different activities from across England.

Here we have highlighted three people who were recognised for going that extra mile.

**Alby Pallent – MBE
Services to boxing and
the wider community,
Tonbridge, Kent**

“We produced a lot of boys who would never be champions, but who turned out to be just good kids because we kept them off the streets and taught them how to be decent honest people. I am as proud of those kids as any of the champions that I have trained.”

Alby Pallent has provided invaluable boxing training to generations of sportsmen and women for over 60 years. He believes that every young person deserves a chance and can achieve results.

Alby began his boxing career in the 1940s and has coached some of the most promising and successful young boxers in the UK. Between 1996 and 2001 he coached youngsters at Eltham ABC, before moving to his current post at Sevenoaks ABC in 2002.





**Amajit (Ammo)
Talwar – MBE**
**For services to music
and the community,
West Midlands**

“I am blown away by this recognition – I feel it is a testament to all the hard work of everyone who’s been involved with Punch over the years. I am very proud and humbled by this honour.”

Ammo Talwar has helped develop a strong infrastructure for urban artists in the West Midlands. He founded Punch Records in 1996 and started visiting schools across Birmingham to discuss how he could help them incorporate new musical genres into the curriculum. Thanks to Ammo’s hard work and dedication over the years, Punch now has a strong reputation for music-led arts workshops with children and young people that address social exclusion and participation.

Ammo is dedicated to demonstrating the contribution and relevance of music and hip-hop culture to mainstream education and regularly speaks at festivals, conferences and seminars across the world.

Sue Wilkinson – MBE
**Library Manager,
HMP Birmingham**

“I’m just a very ordinary person doing my job.”

Sue started work with Birmingham Libraries in 1974 and in 1985 became one of the first professional librarians to be appointed full-time to a prison – HMP Birmingham (one of the largest in the country).

She has transformed the library service in HMP Birmingham, taking it from a small undervalued site into a model of excellence with a national reputation among the prison library sector.

Sue Wilkinson is considered by many as a professional librarian of national standing, a prime mover in the Prison Libraries Group. Her dedication and enthusiasm has played a key role in gaining recognition for the importance of prison librarianship, an often isolated and unfashionable sector within the profession.

For more information visit:
www.culture.gov.uk/3344.aspx
www.honours.gov.uk

How to nominate someone

You can submit a nomination at any time – there are no deadlines.

Anyone is eligible to be nominated for an award, providing they are still performing the service for which they have been recommended.

Only one nomination is needed for someone to be considered for an Honour.

To find out more about the different types of award and which is the most appropriate for your nomination visit: www.culture.gov.uk/3344.aspx

You can also write to the Honours Team at the address below or contact us on:

T: 020 7211 2314

E: honours@culture.gsi.gov.uk

Nominate someone today!



department for
**culture, media
and sport**

We aim to improve the quality of life for all through cultural and sporting activities, to support the pursuit of excellence and to champion the tourism, creative and leisure industries.

2-4 Cockspur Street
London SW1Y 5DH
www.culture.gov.uk

Printed in the UK on 75% recycled paper
© Crown Copyright
August 2008 PP1145
Design: red-stone.com