



AWARD CRITERIA & NOMINATION TIPS

The Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Award recognises young people from within England and Wales who are contributing to the common good in their local community.

Our local awards named after Pier Giorgio Frassati give local Catholic communities the resources to celebrate their young people. Million Minutes offers everything you need to nominate, recognise and celebrate your young people, and their contribution to the common good within your local community. You can nominate a young person at any time without waiting for our national awards to open. These guidance notes provide you with more details about the criteria and some hints on what the panellists will be looking for. If you'd like any more information, or help in completing the nomination form, please do contact Million Minutes at awards@millionminutes.org with the reference: Local Awards.

GENERAL CRITERIA

- The Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Award is rooted in Catholic social teaching evidenced by promoting the common good. They seek to recognise and affirm young people who are positively and practically living out social action in their local community.
- Whilst the Award is rooted within Catholic social teaching and the Catholic community, recipients do not have to be Catholic, but should have an appreciation of Catholic social teaching, and linked to the Catholic community. For example, students in a Catholic school or part of a youth group connected to a Catholic parish or chaplaincy. However, to nominate an individual or group you must be nominating from within the Catholic community.
- Age range for nominations is 11 – 25 years old.
- The reason for nomination must have been completed in the last 12 months.
- Please only nominate one person or group (up to four people) from your community for our Award. If you are in a school, it may be worth checking with other teachers before submitting an application in case they have already nominated the same or another person for the Award.
- Applications are open on a rolling basis and all who are nominated will be considered for a small grant (£50 - £300), to enable the continuation of their common good efforts across their local community.
- Recipients of the grant (on condition that they meet our conditions) will be presented with the award from within their local community – this could be a Million Minutes Champion or a school/parish or church leader.

What are the panellists looking for?

- It's more than just the hours a young person may have volunteered for. It's how they are living their social action and promoting the common good in their community.
- Its not all about the money – fundraising for charity is great (especially if your chosen charity is Million Minutes!), but how does the young person(s) you are nominating demonstrate they are engaging and/or educating themselves and



others with the wider issues to make a positive difference? For example, an awareness campaign around the causes of homelessness in addition to fundraising for the Cardinal Hume Centre.

- Million Minutes and the Pier Giorgio Frassati Award is centred around activities and social action being led by young people. The panellists will be looking at how the young person(s) nominated demonstrate that the initiative was theirs and not carrying out the ideas of a leader or teacher.
- What has the young person done to go above and beyond? This does not have to be 'extraordinary'. You will know young people who go above and beyond in many ways. For example, a young person living in such circumstances that just getting to school in the morning is an achievement.

To nominate an individual or group head to: millionminutes.org/local-awards

FINER DETAILS:

Our award recipients come from public nominations and are shortlisted by our panellists. Applications are open on a rolling basis and all who are nominated will be considered for a small grant (£50 - £300) that will promote the common good in their school, parish, and local community. Successful recipients of the grant (*on condition that they meet our grant criteria*) will be presented with the award from within their local community – this could be a Million Minutes Champion or a school/parish or church leader. To nominate an individual or group you must be nominating from within the Catholic community.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

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Inspired? Want to get involved and make a change? There's lots more information online, including resources, presentations and ideas of how to support other young people at: millionminutes.org/local-awards

Remember the panellists will only have the information given on the nomination form.

For nomination inquiries please email: awards@millionminutes.org