



# Rotary GB&I's People of Action Polio Award



## NOMINATION GUIDELINES

### Purpose

Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland's ('Rotary GB&I') People of Action Polio Award ('Award') seeks to recognise significant non-financial contributions for a Polio free world by Rotarian and non-Rotarian individuals, clubs, groups, companies and organisations in these islands. That contribution may or may not include Purple4Polio initiatives for End Polio Now in particular and be in their local area, Rotary district, regionally, nationally or across the whole of Rotary GB&I.

There will be up to 10 People of Action Polio Awards ('Award') given annually. The Award will be a Certificate presented at an appropriate event and will normally be made by a senior Rotarian from Rotary GB&I, The Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom, Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation during a visit to the area of each successful candidate.

### Opportunity

This is an opportunity to recognise and say thank you each year to people/groups who have led by example and inspired others to help Rotary End Polio Now and forever.

### Eligibility

1. Any individual, group, club, organisation, company etc. who has made a contribution in line with the Purpose of this Award
2. The contribution would be unlikely to meet the criteria for the awards set out in 6 below but does deserve recognition and thanks
3. The contribution/s could be over a period of years or for a particular project / activity and could be at a local, regional, Rotary district, national or Rotary GB&I wide level
4. Rotarians and non-Rotarians are eligible for nomination
5. Individuals, corporates, organisations, clubs, etc. are eligible for nomination
6. Recipients of any of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International's PolioPlus Pioneer, Regional Service or International Service Awards, or the Citation for Meritorious Service or Distinguished Service Awards (see 26 below) are NOT eligible for this Rotary GB&I Award

### Consider Other Polio Service Awards

7. Persons making nominations should first consider if the potential nominee's work is so significant that they should instead be nominated for one of the Awards mentioned in 6 above and detailed in 26 below

### Who can make nominations

8. District Rotary Foundation Team Leaders may identify nominees themselves or have nominees referred to them by any Rotarian or Rotaractor in their District – the nomination then has to be authorised by the District Governor (DG)
9. Rotary GB&I Foundation Team Members – the nomination then has to be authorised by the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC)
10. Persons set out in 8 and 9 above can make as many nominations as they wish

## Nominations process

11. Nominations should be made using the “Nomination Form RotaryGB&I's People of Action Polio Eradication Award 21 22” and must include all the information, high resolution photographs and consents as required in the form to assist in the selection of the Awardees
12. **The form must be fully completed and all necessary signatures obtained including that of the Nominee**
13. Ensure the nomination is clear and easy to read
14. Remember the selection team are not as acquainted with the nominee as you are so be sure to tell them clearly why your candidate stands out and deserves this Award
15. Nominations can be made all year
16. Closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> August annually for the Award for that Rotary year
17. ~~Nominations to be submitted electronically to [Derek Rothwell](mailto:Derek.Rothwell@rotary.org), End Polio Now Coordinator Region 21 ([derek@drothwell.uk](mailto:derek@drothwell.uk)). Please do not send any materials by post~~
18. All deadlines are final and no nominations will be accepted after a deadline has passed
19. The person making the nomination and the DG or RRFC signing off the Nomination will be notified if one of their Nominees has been selected for recognition or not
20. It is essential you work with your District Public Image Team Leader to maximise positive publicity and exposure in local and area news and press that we may be able to get for Rotary generally and the Rotary Polio Story particularly

## Awardee Selection and Recognition

21. Final selection of recipients by 30<sup>th</sup> September each year by the selection team comprising both Regional End Polio Now Coordinators and the RRFC. The selection team will consider each nomination alongside all other nominations with up to 10 overall winners being selected for the Award each Rotary year
22. Award is a Certificate
23. All Certificates to have been presented by the end of the Rotary year
24. Certificates to be presented at an appropriate event and will normally be during a visit to the area of each successful candidate by a senior Rotarian from Rotary GB&I, The Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom, Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation
25. Lists of recipients, with photos and captions, and short story of what they have done will be added to the public area of the [Rotarygbi.org](http://Rotarygbi.org) website for future reference, inspiration etc. and may also be included in social media posts. This may be built on over time and can help capture some key projects for polio fund raising and awareness. All necessary consents are obtained by using the Nomination Form before their details appear on the website or elsewhere
26. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International's polio and/or service to The Rotary Foundation related Awards for which links to the relevant nomination forms can be found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/awards> (member login required)
  - a. Service Award for a Polio-Free World
    - i. Honours Rotarians who have made outstanding contributions to our polio eradication efforts.  
Individuals can be nominated for regional or international service
    - ii. Who can nominate: Rotarians
    - iii. Nomination period: 1 July - 1 October
    - iv. Nomination deadline: 1 October
    - v. Award type: framed certificate, plaque
  - b. Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service
    - i. Honours Rotarians and Rotaractors who have been actively involved in service related to The Rotary Foundation

- ii. Who can nominate: District Rotary Foundation Team Leader (with endorsement by the District Governor)
  - iii. Nomination period: November-December
  - iv. Award type: electronic certificate
- c. Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award
- i. Honours individual Rotarians and Rotaractors who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years prior
  - ii. Who can nominate: Any Rotarian or Rotaractor
  - iii. Nomination period: 1 January – 28/29 February
  - iv. Award type: Pin and crystal