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**NOMINATIONS OPEN**

The **Bristol Young Heroes Awards** is an exciting initiative with the second awards ceremony to take place on Saturday 28th March 2015 at The Bristol Hotel, Prince Street. The awards recognise the valuable contribution that Bristol's young people (aged 11-19) make to the city - particularly those who have overcome difficult circumstances, made a difference in the lives of others or achieved great things. The celebratory evening will begin with a formal dinner, followed by award presentations and conclude with live entertainment for an evening to remember.

The organisers of this inaugural Bristol event have been delighted at the support they have already received, as two big names pledge their support. GKN Aerospace and Wales & West Utilities have secured positions as lead sponsors of the awards for the second year.

**John Pritchard**, Vice President and Managing Director, GKN Aerospace Metallics commented "GKN are delighted to be sponsoring the Bristol Young Heroes Awards again this year. The achievements of these young people are truly inspirational and the awards are a wonderful way of recognising and rewarding those making positive changes to themselves and their communities. By sponsoring the awards, we wanted to not only support this valuable community event, but help encourage more young people to make a difference to their lives and those of others."

**Steven Edwards** Head of Regulation at Wales and West Utilities also commented. "Engaging and serving our community is the heart of our business. The Bristol Young Heroes Awards is a fantastic celebration of the positive actions taken by a number of young people within the community we serve and we are therefore delighted to support this excellent event. Following on from last year's success, we are delighted to have secured sponsorship for this year's Action Hero Award. We are proud to be part of the evening and look forward to hearing all of the inspirational stories."

Local community groups, schools, charities and churches are invited to nominate young people for an award in the relevant category for a panel to choose three nominees for each award, one of whom will be the winner. Nominations are now open [www.bristolyoungheroesawards.co.uk](http://www.bristolyoungheroesawards.co.uk)

# BRISTOL YOUNG HEROES AWARDS

Categories for 2015 are as follows:

- **Education Hero**
- **Sporting Hero**
- **Arts & Culture Hero**
- **Super Hero**
- **Action Hero**
- **Caring Hero**
- **Young Hero 2015**

Three nominees from each category will attend the event as guests of honour with the winning young heroes announced on the night being presented with a trophy to commemorate their achievement.

Bristol Young Heroes are currently inviting local businesses to sponsor each of the award categories. This is a fantastic opportunity to show your company's commitment to the inspirational young people of Bristol and to gain some valuable positive media coverage for your organisation.

Tickets for the awards ceremony will be on sale to the general public via the Bristol Young Heroes website and are expected to be available for purchase from January 2015.

If you or your organisation would like more information on how to get involved, for ticket enquiries or to nominate a young person, please look at the website or contact the event organisers:

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