

## PILLAR COMMUNITY INNOVATION AWARDS PROGRAM CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Pillar Community Innovation Awards

Over the past 14 years, the Pillar Community Innovation Awards has evolved into one of the biggest celebrations of positive community impact in our region. Storytelling is at the core of this event - we honour individuals and organizations that are doing exceptional work to help create a more engaged, more vibrant, more inclusive community.

Why take the time to tell stories and celebrate when there is so much work left to do?

Because Storytelling is a powerful tool for change. Stories help us find the strength to continue the work. Stories help us hear voices that can go silent. Stories remind us that we are in service to each other, and that at our core we are resilient and strong. That's why.

The Pillar Community Innovation Awards celebrates how individuals, organizations and enterprises are investing in positive community impact in the categories of Innovation, Leadership, Impact, Collaboration and Community Choice. Join us by recognizing those who are doing exceptional work in these areas.

### Call for Nominations

Share your stories! Inspire by example. Celebrate deserving individuals, organizations and enterprises.

### Who is eligible?

Any nonprofit, charity, individual, business, social enterprise, education or government sector organization in the London, Elgin, Oxford and Middlesex regions whose work relates to positive community impact, is eligible for nomination.

If you know of an outstanding individual, organization, enterprise or collaboration that meets this criteria and has demonstrated dedication, creative solutions and/or a collaborative spirit working towards positive community impact, consider nominating them for a Pillar Community Innovation Award.

### Award Categories

- Community Innovation Award
- Community Leadership Award
- Community Impact Award
- Community Collaboration Award
- Community Choice Award - Once finalists are confirmed and announced, the award recipient will be determined by online community vote.

Award recipients will receive \$2000 to be directed to their registered charity of choice and their name engraved on a perpetual plaque in the Hudson's Bay Passageway of the Central Library.

## Awards Celebration

Thursday, November 19, 2020

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

London Convention Centre

Cocktail reception with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres, followed by awards celebration

*Deadline for nominations is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020.*

**To submit your nomination, please follow these 4 easy steps:**

1. Choose the appropriate award category for your nomination.
2. Complete the nomination package according to the guidelines.
3. Have the nominee sign the nomination package or forward and email indicating their consent and verification that the information submitted is accurate and complete. **Subject line: PCIA19 Consent**
4. Email the completed nomination form to [events@pillarnonprofit.ca](mailto:events@pillarnonprofit.ca) **subject line: PCIA19 Nomination**

## AWARD CATEGORIES & DESCRIPTIONS

### COMMUNITY INNOVATION AWARD

Nominees for this award have recognized new and better ways to address a need in the community despite the many demands, and sometimes too few resources. Nominees have found innovative, creative and efficient solutions to make a difference in the lives of others. Their innovative efforts have had a positive impact on the community.

### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nominees for this award stand out because of their exceptional professional and/or volunteer achievements in the community, which are above and beyond their role in a paid position. Their integrity, dedication, ingenuity and leadership are undeniable throughout their notable contribution to a nonprofit and/or not for profit social enterprise. These nominees embody the spirit of the community and, through their actions and accomplishments, are an inspiration to others.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Nominees for this award recognize new and better ways to address a need in the community despite the many demands, and sometimes too few resources available. Their efforts have a positive and meaningful impact on the broader community, resulting in clear and measurable change. The nomination includes evidence that beneficiaries or individuals with lived experience were involved in a meaningful way in affecting that change. The nominee's efforts demonstrate enhanced dialogue, in the community and attempts to mobilize knowledge from learnings and failures. The nominee changes the culture of their organization or systems as a result of listening to the voices in their community, involving them in the solution and/or processes and capturing learnings and failures along the way to create change.

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AWARD

Nominees for this award provide outstanding examples of collaboration within their communities. These nominees recognize the benefits that come from accessing resources and expertise of individuals, local businesses, government, nonprofits or charities for positive community impact. . Through the synergy that comes with community collaboration, the nominees have facilitated increased sustainability, efficiency, impact and innovation in the service they provide to their community. One collaborative partner must be from a nonprofit organization or nonprofit social enterprise.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### *What are the nomination restrictions ?*

- Self-nominations & posthumous nominations will not be accepted.
- Only one nomination package per nominee will be accepted. Past award recipients are not eligible for resubmission within a 3-year period.
- Platinum and Gold level sponsors of the Pillar Community Innovation Awards may not be nominated or submit a nomination.
- No staff or board member of Pillar Nonprofit Network or their immediate families are eligible to be nominated or submit a nomination.
- No Pillar Community Innovation Awards Committee volunteer may be nominated or submit a nomination.

### *Does the nominee need to know that they are being nominated?*

**Yes**, all nominees need to consent to the conditions of the award program and show their consent by signing the nomination form or emailing consent to [events@pillarnonprofit.ca](mailto:events@pillarnonprofit.ca).

## *How will the finalists and award recipients be selected?*

A Selection Committee made up of individuals representing London's diverse community, including those from the nonprofit, public and private sectors will review the nominations. The Selection Committee will select the finalists and award recipients. Decisions of the Selection Committee are final. Please note that the Selection Committee operates at arm's length from the staff and board members of Pillar.

## *What happens if you are selected as a finalist?*

- Invitation to a Finalist announcement and media launch in August
- Finalists will be offered storytelling coaching via phone, meeting, or workshop preceding video shoot
- Finalists will be required to participate in a short video that will be shown the night of the Pillar Community Innovation Awards
- Invitation to attend the awards celebration and VIP reception on November 19, 2020

## *What will the award recipients receive?*

- A \$2000 gift to direct to the award recipient's registered charity of choice
- An engraved award
- Name engraved on a perpetual plaque in the Hudson's Bay Passageway in the Central Library

**For additional questions regarding the nomination process, please contact:**

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