

The Catherine Capaldi Awards

Catherine Capaldi campaigned for access and inclusion in Camden and fought hard to make people aware of the issues affecting young disabled people. She was one of the founding members of Young People for Inclusion and she made a huge contribution to improving the support available to service users in Camden and for young people across London.

Aims of the Award

- ◆ To celebrate the life, vision and legacy of Catherine Capaldi.
- ◆ To support and encourage the participation and leadership of disabled people in addressing the problems which affect their lives.
- ◆ To address and challenge the barriers – physical, communication or attitude – which stop or restrict access and inclusion for disabled people.
- ◆ To encourage community activities and partnerships which celebrate and promote the voice, achievements and contribution of disabled people living in London.

Eligibility and Criteria

Eligibility

This award is open to people who identify as disabled, and are of any age, living in any London borough.

Because of Catherine's longstanding association with Camden and its organisations, there will be an additional specific award for an entrant who lives in the London Borough of Camden.

Criteria

- ◆ The Catherine Capaldi Memorial awards will be given annually to an individual or group of disabled people who have come up with solutions to address a particular problem or issue faced by disabled people.
- ◆ Catherine believed in the power of partnership to solve problems – individuals working together with organisations to solve problems and improve services.
- ◆ We encourage applicants for the award to apply with a community or other organisations that may be able to work together with them, and we are particularly interested in sustainable solutions (i.e. that have a legacy, a long lasting impact), or that could be replicated elsewhere.
- ◆ Catherine was passionate about breaking down barriers, accessible services, equal access to transport, housing, mental health and leadership roles for disabled people. Just a few of her very many achievements are below:
 - Catherine was one of the founders of Young People for Inclusion, a group led by young disabled people who worked with a wide range of organisations to improve the quality of their services for disabled people
 - Catherine was a longstanding volunteer at Camden's pioneering health and wellbeing service for 16 to 24-year-olds in Camden, The Hive.
 - Catherine was a Board member for three major London charities – Elfrida Rathbone Camden, Disability in Camden (DISC) and also London

Youth. Her role as a trustee for these organisations guided the development and delivery of services which have helped thousands of Londoners.

Award

The aim of the Catherine Capaldi Award is to highlight good practice and to celebrate the achievements of individual disabled people.

The award winners and prizes will be announced on Tuesday 30 March 2021 – either online or at an event (Coronavirus permitting).

The prizes

The winner of each category (the London award and the Camden award) will receive the following:

1. £150 cash prize
2. Support with your personal development
3. A day with Arup's Access and Inclusive Environments Team to develop and plan your ideas further
4. Support to publicise and promote your winning idea

All shortlisted entrants will receive a certificate of achievement.

The judges

Jessie Duffy

Family friend of Catherine Capaldi

Jenny Ellis

Former Learning and Participation Programme Manager at Elfrida Rathbone Camden, and current Chief Officer at Redbridge CVS.

Sarah Hayes

Former member of Young People for Inclusion, and friend of Catherine Capaldi

Mei-Yee Man Oram

Access and Inclusive Environments Lead, Arup

Cllr Angela Mason

Camden Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families (

Lizzie Streeter

Trustee for Elfrida Rathbone Camden

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