

# First Minister calls for 'everyday saint' nominations for inspirational awards

The annual event, now in its 6th year, was created to recognise and celebrate the good deeds and achievements of individuals and groups from all walks of life.

Previous finalists include Mair Elliot, a young mental health campaigner from Pembrokeshire; Wales' rugby captain Alun Wyn Jones and Gerald Williams from Gwynedd who has spent his life preserving the home of his uncle, poet Hedd Wyn.

To encourage nominations, the Welsh Government has launched its [#EverydaySaint](#) campaign to highlight that anyone can be put forward for an award provided they have made a significant contribution to Wales.

The categories comprise of; Bravery, Culture, Enterprise, Citizenship, Innovation and Technology, International, Sport, Young Person and the First Minister's Special Award. The final award will be chosen by the newly appointed First Minister as Mr Jones steps down in December.

With just 2 weeks to go until entry closes, First Minister Carwyn Jones has spoken to encourage those who haven't yet nominated someone to take the opportunity to do so.

First Minister Carwyn Jones, said:

"As First Minister, I often have the honour of meeting the truly inspirational people who make Wales the amazing country it is. These people are a credit to us, and they are the people who deserve your nominations for the 2019 St David Awards.

"Everyday saints come in many guises – they may have shown outstanding bravery, innovation, or leadership – or perhaps they've preserved a part of our Welsh culture for future generations. I am talking about those who go that extra mile – who give their all without hesitation, for the benefit of others.

"With 2 weeks to go until nominations close, don't miss this opportunity to celebrate your local heroes. Entering is easy and takes just a few clicks – head to the St David Awards website and nominate someone today."

Nominations close on 16th October with finalists being announced on 14th February next year and a celebratory dinner taking place in March 2019 at the Senedd, Cardiff Bay.