



Made a Difference Award

Purpose

The Made a Difference Award recognises individuals who have had a positive and meaningful impact on the lives of others through personal commitment, voluntary efforts, acts of kindness, community involvement, fundraising, charitable activities, coaching, mentoring, emergency assistance, or other exceptional contributions primarily outside of their paid employment.

The award celebrates those who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in their communities, support worthy causes, improve the lives of others, or respond in extraordinary circumstances.

Eligibility

This award is open to individuals whose achievements and contributions have been made primarily outside of their normal paid employment duties.

Examples may include:

- Volunteering for charities or community organisations
- Fundraising or supporting charitable causes
- Coaching or supporting local sports teams or youth groups
- Community leadership or neighbourhood initiatives
- Supporting vulnerable individuals or groups
- Environmental or community improvement projects
- Acts of bravery or courage
- Emergency response or life-saving actions
- Long-term commitment to helping others

1. Positive Impact (30%)

Evidence that the individual's actions have made a meaningful difference to others.

Judges will look for:

- Tangible benefits delivered to individuals, groups, or communities
- Positive outcomes resulting from their efforts
- The scale and significance of the impact achieved
- Testimonials or evidence demonstrating the difference made

2. Commitment and Dedication (20%)

Evidence of personal commitment, perseverance, and willingness to give their time and energy to support others.

Judges will look for:

- Time and effort invested
- Consistency and reliability of contribution

- Long-term commitment where applicable
- Personal sacrifice or dedication shown

3. Community Spirit and Leadership (20%)

Evidence that the individual has inspired, supported, or brought people together for a positive purpose.

Judges will look for:

- Leadership within community activities
- Ability to motivate or encourage others
- Building stronger communities or support networks
- Positive influence on others

4. Compassion, Courage or Selflessness (15%)

Evidence of exceptional care, bravery, generosity, or willingness to help others.

Judges will look for:

- Acts of kindness or compassion
- Going beyond what would normally be expected
- Courage in difficult or challenging situations
- Selfless actions that benefited others

5. Lasting Legacy (15%)

Evidence that the individual's contribution has created sustainable or long-term benefits.

Judges will look for:

- Ongoing impact on people or communities
- Initiatives that continue to benefit others
- Positive changes that have endured over time
- Inspiration for future community involvement

Submission Requirements

Nominations should include:

- A description of the individual's contribution or achievement
- Details of the activities undertaken
- The impact on individuals, groups, or the wider community
- Supporting evidence, testimonials, references, or case studies
- Information on the duration and extent of involvement

Judging Considerations

Judges will place particular emphasis on:

- The difference made to others
- Personal commitment and selflessness
- Evidence of positive impact
- Inspirational qualities and community benefit
- Contributions made outside of paid employment

Eligibility Period

Activities undertaken within the previous 24 months, although longer-term contributions may also be recognised where appropriate.

Word Limit

1000 words plus supporting evidence. Any testimonials should be no more than 500 words.

Closing Date

The closing date for entries is **5pm on Wednesday 9th September 2026**

NB

All applications **must** include the following basic information at the top of the first page;

Name of Person Submitting the Entry

Job Title

Company

Email Address

Telephone No.

Name of Nominated Person

Job Title

Please send your completed entry and any supporting documentation to:

awards@chemical.org.uk

using the Award title in the subject line

All entries should be sent as a PDF file with any supporting documentation added as appendices