2013 Mental Health Matters Awards

Awards Information

The Mental Health Matters Awards are unique awards designed to recognise the achievements of individuals and organisations who have worked to improve understanding, awareness, service provision and the general mental health of communities in NSW over the past 12 months (1 July 2012 — 30 June 2013).

The awards are coordinated by the Mental Health Association NSW and recognise services large and small doing outstanding work.

Award winners receive
• A prize of $1000 for the winner of each award category and an award plaque. If more than 1 winner is selected in any category the prize money will be shared. Award winners in the media categories will each receive $500.

• The awards will be presented at the launch of Mental Health Month on October 1st at NSW Parliament House.

How to complete a nomination
You can make a nomination by completing this form and returning it, and any other supporting documentation, to awards@mentalhealth.asn.au or Mental Health Association NSW
Level 5, 80 William St
East Sydney NSW 2011

You will receive confirmation of receipt of your nomination.

If you have any questions about the Awards or the nomination process or if for any reason you would prefer not to complete the form or require any assistance in completing your nomination, please contact us on (02) 9339 6000 or email awards@mentalhealth.asn.au

For more information you can also visit www.mentalhealth.asn.au

Dates to remember
• Nominations close: Friday August 9, 2013 at 5pm
• All nominees will be notified of the outcome by Friday August 30, 2013
Award Categories

Cross Sector Collaboration Award
recognising excellence and/or innovation in mental health programs, projects or initiatives involving collaboration or partnerships between organisations that contribute to improved wellbeing or quality of life for people living with mental illness.

Family and Carer Involvement and Engagement Award
recognising mental health related programs, projects or initiatives that demonstrate a high level of involvement or engagement of families and carers in their planning and implementation and with demonstrated benefits for families and carers.

Mental Health Promotion, Prevention of Mental Ill-health and Early Intervention Award
recognising excellence and/or innovation in programs, projects or initiatives that have focused their efforts within mental health promotion, prevention of mental ill-health or early intervention.

Research and Evaluation Award
recognising individuals or organisations that have completed groundbreaking mental health related research, or evaluations of programs or initiatives, and whose findings have significant implications for the mental health field.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities Award
recognising programs, projects or initiatives whose key aims are to improve the mental health and wellbeing of CALD communities and facilitate access to culturally appropriate information and services.

Excellence in Service or Program Delivery Award
recognising excellence and/or innovation in mental health related services, programs or initiatives that enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of people living with a mental illness.

Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing Award
recognising culturally and relevant safe programs, projects, people or initiatives who/that aspire to foster and enhance the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal communities.

Consumer involvement and Participation Award
recognising mental health related initiatives that have significant consumer participation, as well as demonstrated benefits for people with a lived experience of mental illness. Nominations can be made for projects, programs, as well as individuals who have made a marked contribution in this area.

Mental Health Promoting Workplace Award
recognising employers who create workplaces that promote a positive work experience for all employees, remove or minimise psychological hazards in the work environment, and support employees living with mental health problems.

Media Award – a) National/Statewide
b) Local
recognising individuals or organisations who have produced thoughtful, informative and responsibly reported media that contributes to raised awareness of mental health or mental illness, and/or a reduction in stigma, and/or the highlighting of an important issue related to mental health or mental illness.
Terms and conditions

Award Content

• The awards shall be known as "The Mental Health Matters Awards".

• Award recipients in each category will receive a $1000 cash prize and award plaque. If more than one award is given in a category, the prize money will be shared. Categories 6.a) and 6.b) have available $500 each in prize money.

• The monetary awards are to support the continuation and development of the program, project or initiative.

Eligibility

• Projects, programs or initiatives nominated must be accessible to, and have relevance for, the people of NSW.

• An award may not be given to an individual who is a member of the Mental Health Association NSW Board or a Standing Committee, a Branch Delegate to the Board, or to Mental Health Association NSW staff.

• The above individuals are excluded from judging should an organisation in which they have a direct involvement be nominated.

• Previous award winners are not eligible for three years unless there is a significant change or development.

• Nominations may be accepted from members of the Mental Health Association NSW and other interested people/organisations.

Nomination

• Judges reserve the right to judge a nomination in a category other than the one in which it was nominated.

• Individuals or organisations may nominate themselves for an award.

Judging

• Successful nominees may be granted an award on the basis of the defined categories and if their initiative is in accordance with the aims of the Mental Health Association NSW.

• Awards may not always be granted in every category, in every year.

• Certificates of commendation may be awarded.

• An independent panel nominated by the Mental Health Association NSW will select award winners. Their decisions are final.

Administration

• Nominations must be received by the closing date and time.
Nomination Form

Who is nominating this program, project or initiative?

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Please highlight or circle the category in which you are nominating.

- Cross Sector Collaboration Award
- Family and Carer Involvement and Engagement Award
- Mental Health Promotion, Prevention of Mental Ill-health and Early Intervention Award
- Research and Evaluation Award
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities Award
- Excellence in Service or Program Delivery Award
- Aboriginal Social and Emotional Wellbeing Award
- Consumer Involvement and Participation Award
- Mental Health Promoting Workplace Award
- Media Award – please select  
  a) National/Statewide
  b) Local
Please describe the person, project or initiative you are nominating. (max. 1000 words)

You might like to include:
- A description of the work as compared to the criteria given in the description for the category you have chosen.
- Information on the community need it addresses.
- Its aims and how it is implemented.
- How you know it is successful. This might include therapeutic outcomes, quality assurance measures, service usage rates, number of people participating, website hits, results from satisfaction surveys, evaluations or informal feedback.

If you are nominating in the media category please provide a copy of the material you are nominating. These may be included in lieu of completing the description.

If you are nominating in the research and evaluation category please provide a copy of the report, journal article(s) or other documentation of your research. These may be included in lieu of completing the description.

Attachments
Please attach any additional material that will help the judges understand the program and the impact it is making.