

On **Friday 23 March 2018 at St James School, Exeter (6.00-9.00pm)**, we will be holding our annual event to celebrate the achievements of Devon's Children & Young People in Care and Care Leavers. The evening includes hot/cold buffet food, entertainment for children and young people and a presentation ceremony. This is a scheme to recognise and say 'well done' for real achievement for individual Children and Young People. All nominees will be awarded a personalised certificate and £10 gift voucher (if they choose not to attend the event these will be posted to them). At the event they will be individually presented with their certificate and gift voucher, if they would prefer not to be called up onto the 'stage' then we can arrange this so they can still enjoy the rest of the event.

This is your opportunity to nominate a young person who you think has achieved something significant for them over the last year, in one or more of these categories:

- Doing something which shows personal development;
- Doing something well in sport, music, arts, social / leisure activities ;
- Doing something well at school or college.

Who can be nominated?

Children & Young People aged 5-21 years (or up to 24 years if in Higher Education) **who are in the Care of Devon County Council** and are happy to be nominated.

Unfortunately **Children in Care to other LAs are not eligible** to attend the event or receive a voucher – though we can get have a personalised certificate printed which could then be presented to them at school/College or posted home, please contact kate.clarke@devon.gov.uk if you'd like us to arrange this.

How do I nominate?

Fill in the attached nomination form (*it can also be found on the CiC Awards webpage via link below*):

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/young-people/children-in-care/children-in-care-awards> (in third paragraph, click on **CiC Celebration Event Nomination Form** and the form will open in Word, fill it in, save a copy for your records and **email completed form(s) to:** childrenincareawards-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Alternatively you can print it off, fill it out by hand and post it to: Kate Clarke, County Hall (Room 136), Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD.

Deadline

Completed nomination forms must be **returned by 31 January 2018**. After the nominations close each child or young person nominated will be posted an invitation to the Celebration of Achievement Event and given full details.

All nominations will be considered to make sure they meet the criteria, **please ensure your nomination is concise and appropriate to be read out at the event**.

If you have any queries please let me know and we look forward to receiving your nominations.

Kind regards

Kate

Kate Clarke

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