### Scope Disability Equality Awards 2022

The Scope Disability Equality Awards shine a spotlight on equality champions who are driving change and aim to empower and inspire others. They will honour individuals, community groups, businesses and role models who are all playing a part in championing disability equality and inclusion.

And because accessibility is vital, we will organise the awards as a hybrid event. This means people can attend in person or online.

#### Who are these awards for?

The Scope Disability Equality Awards celebrate people and organisations who champion disability equality.

Are you calling for more accessibility within your community?

Are you campaigning to make disabled people’s voices heard?

Have you dedicated your life to disability equality?

Are you a journalist reporting on injustice and giving disabled people a voice in the news?

Are you a public figure who is flying the flag for disabled people?

Is your organisation making a positive difference to the lives of disabled people?

Or can you think of a media moment that has positively changed the perception and representation of disability?

We invite you to be part of the Scope Disability Equality Awards. Nominate someone who is doing fantastic work on disability equality. This could be yourself or someone else.

#### Award categories

##### Campaign

This award recognises a ground-breaking and impactful campaign aimed at achieving disability equality. The campaign can have taken place on a local or national level and can have been an in-person, marketing or online campaign.

##### Young campaigner

This category recognises a young disabled person (up to 25 years old) who is speaking out and taking action on an issue that affects them. This could be to improve accessibility or attitudes, for example within their community, school, college, university or beyond. Just like with the campaign category, this includes both online and in-person campaigning.

##### Accessible organisation

This category rewards organisations for inclusion and accessibility. This could be for creating an inclusive workplace or for developing products and services with accessibility and disabled people in mind.

##### Media moment

This award recognises a media moment involving disabled people that has had a powerful impact on championing disability equality. This could be a soap or drama storyline, entertainment TV show, film, podcast or any other mainstream format that has helped shift attitudes on disability.

##### Journalist

This award recognises an individual journalist (print, broadcast or online) who has gone above and beyond with a piece of investigative reporting, or who has shown strong commitment to disability equality through a sustained body of work.

##### Role model

This award is presented to a disabled public figure who has used their platform to campaign for disability equality and change attitudes. Role models could be celebrities, social media influencers or professional leaders with a substantial reach. We’re particularly interested in how they have engaged their social media following and networks to achieve change.

##### Scope lifetime achievement award

As Scope turns 70 this year, we honour a disabled person who has spent their life fighting for disability equality. To qualify for this category, the person needs to demonstrate how they have been dedicated over a significant and sustained period to the goal of bringing about change for disabled people or shifting attitudes around disability.

##### Purple pioneer

This category honours an individual, or a group of people, who have been nominated by others for their achievements around disability equality. This could be either a disabled person or a non-disabled ally who has raised awareness of disability issues or changed attitudes in their community. Rather than a specific campaign, this category recognises the work people have done that has positively affected those directly around them.

#### How to enter

You can nominate yourself or someone else for the Scope Disability Equality Awards. Please carefully read through the information below. This will make sure your submission meets our criteria and has the best chance of being shortlisted:

##### Background information

Please give as much supporting information about your nomination as possible. You should include:

* what action was taken
* why it was taken
* when it occurred

Especially explain how you think it made a difference in championing equality.

You can link or refer to additional supporting evidence in your written or recorded submission. For example, media files, analytics, petitions or others.

##### The results

It’s important you’re clear on what was achieved as part of the activity and whether any change happened as a result.

Make sure you provide as much evidence as possible. This could be:

the number of people you reached

engagement on social media

media coverage (for journalists, please provide up to 5 pieces or up to 1 hour of video)

petition signatures

testimonies from others

change in legislation

any other proof of impact

##### Location

All submissions need to focus on the impact an action has had in England and Wales. It can have originated elsewhere. But we cannot accept submissions that only highlight impact in other countries.

##### Time requirements

The achievement you are nominating yourself or others for must have taken place on or after 1 January 2020. The activity can still be ongoing.

The exception is the Lifetime Achievement Award. This recognises a person for what they have achieved for disability equality over a good part of their lifetime up to now.

##### Nomination format

You can submit a nomination either:

in writing, using no more than 1000 words (about 7000 characters)

by audio or video file that is no more than 5 minutes long (you can link to longer media files within your written nomination)

Any files can be attached at the end of the online form.

You can make a nomination online at [www.scopeawards.co.uk](http://www.scopeawards.co.uk).

To send a paper nomination, please contact [awards@scope.org.uk](mailto:awards@scope.org.uk) and to make a nomination by phone, please call 020 7619 7256.

#### Important dates

15 March 2022: Nominations open

29 April 2022: Nominations close

Mid-June 2022: Shortlisted nominees announced

18 to 22 July 2022: Judging takes place

Autumn 2022: Ceremony takes place

#### Co-production

The Scope Disability Equality Awards are co-produced with disabled people. The group is involved in every stage of the planning and

delivery of the event, such as:

choosing the name

developing the creative identity

deciding on categories and criteria