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United Response
support that changes with you



The People’s Choice Awards



The People’s Choice Awards are for people United Response supports, and their loved ones, to celebrate the difference great support can make.



The awards were created by people we support so more people can recognise the people who make that happen.



They recognise and celebrate the people who help you live the life you choose.

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1. About the People's Choice Awards



The People's Choice Awards are a way to celebrate great support.



They show that great support is about more than helping with everyday tasks.



It is having good relationships.

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It is trying new things.



And it is doing the things that matter to you.

The awards are a way for people United Response supports and their families.



If this is you, you can nominate support staff and teams.

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You can nominate staff who…



- Help you do the things you enjoy.



- Support you to reach your goals.



- Help you to try something new.

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- Help you to be more confident.



- Make you laugh and feel happy.



- Are there for you when things are hard.



Most importantly you can nominate staff who have made a positive difference to your life.

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2. The award categories



There are 5 award categories:



Dream maker
The **Dream Maker** award is for staff who help you to…



- Follow your dreams.

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- Reach your goals.



- Get better at something.



Sunshine
The **Sunshine** award is for staff who…



- Bring happiness to your day.

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- Make you laugh.



- Help you to feel positive.



Courage to try

The **Courage to try** award is for staff who…



- Give you the chance to learn new things.

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- Find new things for you to try.



- Help you feel proud of yourself.



Superstar
The **Superstar** award is for staff who…



- Make an extra effort with you.

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- Make a big difference to you and your life.



There for me

The **There for me** award is for staff who…

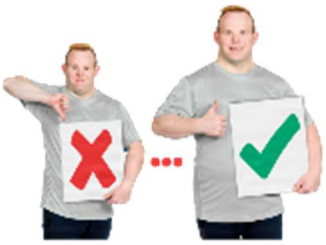


- Are there when you need them most.



- Help you during difficult times.

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- Help fix problems.



- Make you feel better.



You do not need to choose a category.



We will choose a category that fits your story best.

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3. Who can nominate



You can nominate if United Response supports you.



You can nominate if United Response supports someone you love.



You can nominate individual members of staff.

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Or you can nominate whole staff teams.



You can make different nominations for different people.



Just don’t nominate the same person more than once in the same year.



We need to know the names of the people you are nominating.

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4. What to put in your nomination



There are some questions for you to answer.



We need to know who you are and who you are nominating.



We need to know why you want to nominate them.

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We want to know what difference they have made to you and your life.



We want to know what makes their support special.



You do not have to use special words or write a long story.



You can let us know if you do not want the person you are nominating to know it was you.

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You can let us know if you want to hear from us about your nomination.



You can let us know if you want to hear from us about other things United Response is doing.



You only need to tell us what you are comfortable with sharing.



We will keep your information private.

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5. How to nominate



You can tell us about the person or team in different ways.



You can type your answers to questions in the online nomination form.



To do this you need to go to this webpage and scroll down to ‘Ready to nominate?’

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You can tell us your story over the phone.



To do this you need to ask us over email: PeoplesChoiceAward@unitedresponse.org.uk

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You can send us an audio or video recording.



To do this you need to email: PeoplesChoiceAward@unitedresponse.org.uk

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If none of these ways are best for you, please email us.



We will work together to find the best way for you to nominate.



To do this you need to email: PeoplesChoiceAward@ unitedresponse.org.uk

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We are excited to hear from you.

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6. If you would like help to nominate



Someone you trust can help you nominate.



They can help you to share your thoughts and experiences.



They need to help you do this in the way you choose.

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Your nomination needs to be about the difference they have made to you.



The person helping you should not change your words or speak for you.

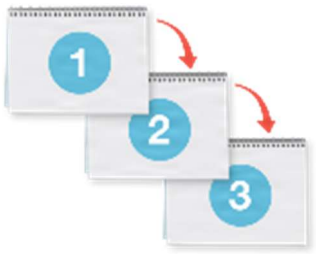


The person helping you cannot be the person or anybody in the team you are nominating.



If you are not sure who can help you can email: PeoplesChoiceAward@unitedresponse.org.uk

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7. What happens after you nominate



We will get your nomination.



It might take us a few days to read it.



After we have read it, we will let the person or team know they have been nominated.

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Everyone who is nominated gets a message to say well done.



When nominations have closed for the year, we send them to the judges.



The judges are a group of people who choose who will win each award.



The group includes a variety of people involved in United Response's work.

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They will read the stories and talk about them.



They will choose who wins each award.



The winners get invited to a special celebration day for United Response staff.



The winners get a shopping voucher and an award.

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8. Other important information



This is voluntary. This means you do not have to nominate anybody.



If your nomination is late, it will automatically go into next year's entries.



The people judging the nominations will change each year.

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The dates might change so they are updated on the awards webpage which is linked below.



If you have any questions, email us on PeoplesChoiceAward@unitedresponse.org.uk

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Go to the People's Choice Awards webpage to start your nomination.



Thank you for reading this guide to the People's Choice Awards.

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