

Recognising great work within our borough

Richmond Council for Voluntary Service (RCVS) is itself a charity and the main infrastructure body for charities, community groups and social enterprises in the borough.

Richmond CVS represents the interests and opinions of more than 800 organisations, which provide valuable community services to local residents. It is focused on making the sector sustainable for the future by providing training, advice, consultancy and network events to develop skills and knowledge.

"We've been a proud sponsor of the awards since 2011" said David Sidonio, chief executive at Richmond CVS. "We believe it's a wonderful opportunity to

tell everyone about the excellent work going on in the Borough and to recognise the work and support of staff, volunteers and donors."

INS, a charity in Twickenham providing support for people with neurological and other long term conditions and their carers, won the best charity award last year with an excellent entry that demonstrated a new approach to the complex issue of helping patients with long term problems.

On winning the award last year Anne Bond, chief executive at INS said, "Winning this award has been a tremendous boost to the whole team and has also helped to raise awareness in Richmond of the work INS does to help our clients

maintain their independence and live life to the full."

Age UK Richmond scooped the highly commended award for its work supporting local older people, closely followed by local social enterprise, Brilliant Play Solutions, which won the commended award after only being set up in early 2014 in response to an unmet need for play provision in the borough.

Claire Chapman, founder of Brilliant Play Solutions, said "It seems like a long time ago now but it was a fabulous evening and winning the award has certainly helped to elevate our status as a very new Community Interest Company!"

"Our theme for this year's award is Impact! We're looking to hear about a project or piece of work that a charity or social enterprise has undertaken since April 2014 that has made a significant difference and impact. This positive impact could be to service users, staff, trustees, volunteers, stakeholders or supporters and donors.

To enter for the Best Charity or Social Enterprise award your organisation must...

- Be a not for profit organisation such as a charity, voluntary or community group or social enterprise
- Work in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
- Make a difference to people living, working or studying in the borough, to the borough's environment, or otherwise address local needs.

Do not worry about how large or small your charity or social enterprise is – have a go as you could be celebrating with us on the evening of Friday, October 13.



Richmond Centre for Voluntary Services is marking its 80th birthday

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Richmond CVS

Supporting Richmond borough's voluntary sector and local community

- Represent a collective voice to support your views
- Expert advice, training and consultancy
- Keeping residents healthy and active
- Networking opportunities for trustees and social entrepreneurs

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What's going on

□ Tuesday, June 23:
Chamber business
breakfast with golf at
Strawberry Hill Golf
Club

Join the Chamber of
Commerce at Straw-
berry Hill Golf Club for
a delicious full English
breakfast and an op-
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□ Tuesday, July 7:
Chamber coffee morn-
ing at The Holly Lodge
Centre in Richmond
Park. Join the Cham-
ber for a fantastic net-
working morning with
coffee, tea and cakes
and discover the Holly
Lodge Centre in the
tranquil setting of
Richmond Park.
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□ Monday, July 13:
Digital marketing sem-
inar. Be ahead of the
curve and take advan-
tage of local seminars
from marketing and IT
forum experts.
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Thursday July 16 –
Chamber martini mas-
terclass at The Depot
Riverside Restaurant
A fun and relaxed
Chamber martini mas-
terclass hosted by The
Depot Restaurant in
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