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School of Social and Political Science

A celebration and showcase of
your 2023 nominees

Thank you

In this year's CAHSS Recognition Awards we received a truly outstanding total of 1513 nominations. 153 of these came from the School of Social and Political Science, which is a fantastic achievement that you should feel very proud of.

As a panel member I have had the pleasure of reading each nomination and feel incredibly moved to know I am working alongside such kind and inspiring colleagues and teams.

To every single person that took the time out of their day to let someone know what a difference they have made and how much they are valued, thank you. And of course a huge thank you and congratulations to our wonderful nominees for their contributions and the impact they have on their community.

I hope the spirit of the scheme continues beyond the nomination period and we continue to recognise and celebrate one another in such a positive way.

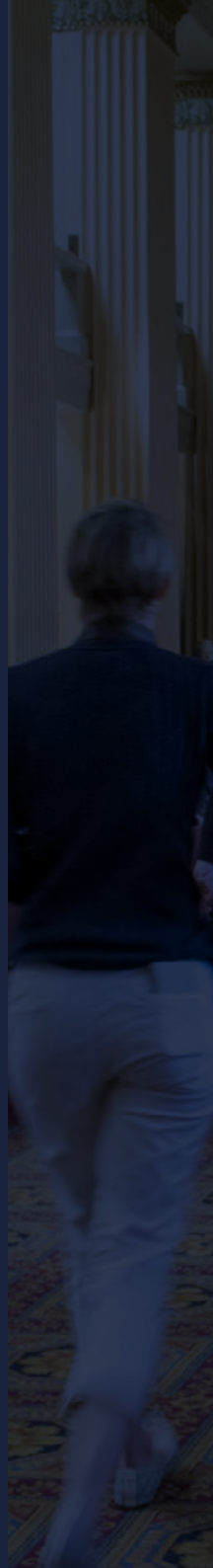
I am thrilled to share this publication with you as a permanent record of your achievements.

Thank you all very much again.



Professor Sarah Prescott

Head of the College of Arts, Humanities and
Social Sciences



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Amazing!

Longlist

The Dean of Students Award for Contribution to Student Experience

Michael Barany
Sue Renton

The Inspiring Colleague Award

Maria Brichs

The Susan Manning Award for Inspiring Mentorship

Jochen Clasen

The Excellence in Leadership Award

Catriona Elder
Gordon Coutts
Meryl Kenny

The Excellent Newcomer Award

Ben Coulson

Shortlist

The Advancing Inclusion Award

Radhika Govinda
Sarah Liu

The Community Impact Award

Lucy Lowe

The Head of College Award for Exceptional Service

Paul Norris

The Susan Manning Award for Inspiring Mentorship

Meryl Kenny

The Excellent Newcomer Award

Hemangini Gupta

The Excellence in Leadership Award

Michael Barany
Ross Bond

The Exceptional Team Award

SPS Research Office Team

The Outstanding Team Player

Lucy Ewing
Maria Brichs

The Advancing Inclusion Award

Nominees in this category have made an outstanding contribution to progressing our commitments to inclusion in the College in a variety of ways e.g. supporting minoritised students and staff to be better represented and a more valued part of their College community. Nominees have also demonstrated a commitment to ensuring unfairness and inequity are challenged.

Your Nominees

Radhika Govinda

Sarah Liu

“...a shining example to his students and colleagues of how to create a welcoming and empowering atmosphere for everyone...”



The Community Impact Award

A new category for 2023 and a celebration of individuals and teams across the College that have fostered connections with external partners, locally or globally, to fulfil CAHSS' mission to be a force for social good. Nominees in this category have worked to encourage and engage other colleagues to deliver a demonstrable and lasting impact for the University community - thank you.

Your Nominees

Data Civics Team
Jimmy Turner
Lucy Lowe
Martin Booker
Sarah Liu



The Dean of Students Award for Contribution to the Student Experience

Nominees are recognised for their outstanding contributions to delivering excellence for our students; those who listen carefully and prioritise the needs and perspectives of students throughout their University journey, and who seek to improve service provision wherever possible.

Thank you to all of the 2023 nominees for making such a meaningful difference to the student experience, and of course to the colleagues they work alongside.

Your Nominees

Jessie Kenny
Michael Barany
Richard Brodie
Sahara Choudhury
SPS Student Support Team
Sue Renton



The Head of College Award for Exceptional Service



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The Head of College Award for Exceptional Service is about celebrating the colleagues that have made exemplary contributions in service of the University community for the last five years or longer. Your 2023 nominees have been dedicated, positive, and trusted by colleagues over many years, and continue to make a lasting impact on the College community. You make CAHSS a better place to work and we hope your nomination goes some way to letting you know just how valued you are by so many.

Your Nominees

Marie Storrar

Paul Norris

Roxanne Connelly

“...one of those rare leaders who is able to build bridges and communicate powerfully across all levels of management, bringing to every role a clear vision, commitment to reform and improvement, and a warmth and compassion that make her a pleasure to work with”



“He is famous
for his warm
and apt
public expressions
of appreciation of
colleagues; they are
matched by a lifelong
career of quietly
promoting their
good.**”**

The Inspiring Colleague Award

This award is given to an individual who inspires, cheers and encourages those with whom they work. It recognises someone who is an excellent role model; maintaining and championing high standards, offering energy and enthusiasm to all they do and strong support to others.

Your Nominees

Adam Cavill	Kasia Mazurkiewicz
Adam Petras	Katucha Bento
Akin Iwilade	Maria Brichs
Alex Dysart	Marie Storrar
Benjamin Martill	Martina McAuley
Catriona Elder	Meryl Kenny
Claire Haggett	Michael Rosie
Daniel Clegg	Michelle Terrell
Ewen Miller	Natalie Stroud
Franziska Meinck	Radhika Govinda
Helene Frossling	Sumeet Jain
Ieva Rascikaite	Will Rennie
Isabelle Darmon	

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The Susan Manning Award for Inspiring Mentorship

This category is to honour the memory of Professor Susan Manning, Grierson Professor of English Literature and, for seven years, Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities. Your nominees have demonstrated a commitment and enthusiasm, whether formally or informally, to supporting the development of others, encouraging and supporting their career progression. They demonstrate kindness consistently and act with integrity.

With special thanks to all nominees in this category for the positive impact they continue to have.

Your Nominees

Daniel Clegg
Jochen Clasen
Meryl Kenny



The Excellent Newcomer Award



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A celebration of the incredible colleagues that have joined the College in the last 12 months and in that time have made a significant impact. Nominees are recognised for bringing enthusiasm, creativity and commitment to their role and who build positive working relationships. We are so happy you joined us and cannot wait to see your names pop up in many other categories in 2024!

Your Nominees

Anne Spiers

Barbara Kulawik

Ben Coulson

Ben Rosamond

Gabriela Loureiro

Hemangini Gupta

Indigo Lau

Maggie Briggs

Triona Marshall

Will Rennie



“Having him join the team during that time felt like a wee ray of sunshine during a storm, and I hope that he is aware what a valued colleague he is.”

The Excellence in Leadership Award

A celebration of our wonderful nominees that demonstrate continuous excellence in leadership, promoting a work environment that is respectful, collegial and supportive. These colleagues have been nominated for showing empathy as well as strength and because they consistently prioritising the interests and development of others.

Your Nominees

Ali Lazda
Alison Macpherson
Andrea Birdsall
Catriona Elder
Gordon Coutts
Hazel Gray
Ian McNeill
Jan Eichhorn
Meryl Kenny

Michael Barany
Niccolo Durazzi
Ross Bond
Sudeepa Abeysinghe
Sumeet Jain
Vernon J. Gayle

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“They are an example of leadership in action for how they show dedication and commitment to students and each other, is exemplary.”



The Exceptional Team Award

Teams can be official or unofficial in professional services, academic or technical departments; permanent structures or groups of colleagues coming together to deliver on a piece of resource or a project.

With special thanks to all nominees that have united to address difficulty together, supporting one another with a strong team spirit to achieve success.

This category is all about celebrating the initiatives and ways of working that positively benefited the staff and/or student community in the last year.

Your Nominees

Alison McPherson &
IT Team

Michaelagh
Broadbent, Yuke
Huang, Shaira
Vadasaria and
Katucha Bento

SPS Communication
and Engagement
Team

SPS Postgraduate
Teaching Office

SPS Research Office
Team

SPS Subject
Academic Support
Officers Team

*Excellent example of team
and deserve recognition
support each other. Their
d commitment to supporting
staff, and in turn each
plary.*



The Outstanding Team Player Award

Nominees in this category are celebrated for their extraordinary integrity and generosity towards their colleagues. They support others, often behind the scenes, without any expectation of credit. These colleagues consistently motivate others, lift morale and frequently go out of their way to make sure things get done.

Your Nominees

Adam Cavill	Lucy Ewing
Adam Petras	Maria Brichs
Alana McLernon	Marie Storrar
Alex Dysart	Michaelagh
Andrew Bowman	Broadbent
Brodie Hamilton	Michelle Terrell
Craig Eunson	Nasar Meer
Geraldine Debard	Natalie Porter
HB Franchino-Olsen	Nicola Wilson
Helene Frossling	Sumeet Jain
James W.E. Lowe	Ugur Ozdemir
John Riddell	

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“She always makes time for her colleagues, helping to inspire and motivate us. She makes our School a significantly better place to work and is truly an outstanding ‘team player’.”





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Please note that the quotations that appear in this booklet are from last year's shortlisted candidates. They apply to the award directly, but are not attributable to this year's nominees. Colleagues and teams have been categorised in the areas they were nominated.

Credit to CAHSS colleague and photographer, Rachel Collie, for the images used in this brochure.

All nominations are on SharePoint
<https://edin.ac/3AH6QIN>

The CAHSS Recognition Awards are always improving. If you have ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear them.

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