**The 5th North West Awards for Coastal Excellence (NW ACE)**

**Coastal Champion Nomination Forum**

The North West Coastal Forum is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 5th biennial NW ACE – an award scheme to recognise outstanding achievement in and contribution to the long-term management of our coast and near-shore marine environments.

**Nominations close on 30th September 2018.**

**Visual accessibility** – if a form with bigger print is required please contact caroline.salthouse@nwcoastalforum.org.uk

**Award Category Description: Coastal Champion**

This award will be made to an individual in recognition of their significant contribution to the long term management of the North West coast.

Nominations are open to anyone involved in coastal activity, either as part of their work or as a volunteer.

Nominees can be put forward by someone or may nominate themselves.

Please see the Award Criteria and the Terms and Conditions below for guidance on how to complete the application form.

**Award Criteria**

All entries will be expected to show how they meet the essential criteria below. Entries should also show if, and if so how, they meet any of the desirable criteria listed.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

Fit with the aim and one or more outcomes of the North West Coastal Forum:

*North West Coastal Forum Aim: We aim to promote and deliver integrated coastal zone management in the North West to secure the long-term sustainability of the region’s coast by achieving:*

* *Well-integrated planning and management of the coastal zone*
* *The economic potential of the NW coast achieved in ways which safeguard, enhance, restore and sustainably use our natural and cultural assets*
* *A high quality natural and built coastal environment able to adapt to climate and other change*
* *Improved recreational opportunities and visitor experience*
* *Improved well being of coastal communities*
* *Raised appreciation of the coast, its value and its needs*

Major activity within the last 2 full financial years – from April 2016 to present date

A significant contribution to coastal sustainability

Leadership

Being an inspiration to others

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

Innovation – not a duplicate of similar work elsewhere

Education / skills building – how has this work developed the skills and knowledge of those involved

Communication of the work and its benefits to a wider audience than that involved in the work itself – how has this work developed the knowledge of and benefited those not directly involved

Development of effective working partnerships and integration across different disciplines – how the right people / organisations were involved and how this made the work more successful

Long-term benefits and legacy – what happened when the work finished (or what will happen at the end of the project), and how the long-term benefit was ensured

**Entry terms & conditions**

1. The award is open to any individual who has carried out work on the North West coast within the last 2 years (April 2016 to present). Nominees do **not** need to be resident in the North West of England but the work on the North West coast for which the person is being nominated must be current or have been completed in the last two years (April 2016 to present).
2. Individuals can be nominated or can nominate themselves
3. Entries must address each of the selection criteria outlined on the entry form
4. Entries, which must be made electronically, will only be accepted on the official entry form. The form is designed to be completed on a computer - the answer boxes expand - if you wish to complete it by hand and need more space please contact the secretariat and a form with more room will be provided. You will need to scan your completed entry form and submit it electronically.
5. Electronic images and supporting material demonstrating the success of the entry are encouraged. To enable sharing with judges images and documents should be electronic and in PC readable format (i.e. documents in Word or Adobe Acrobat and images should in jpeg format). Your total entry, including any supporting materials, should be no more than 5 MB. If higher resolution photos are needed you will be contacted.
6. No submitted material will be returned
7. The North West Coastal Forum and any award sponsors reserve the right to use any of the submitted material for publicising the awards, the winning entries and the work of the Forum with regard to the awards. It is entrant’s responsibility to ensure that the copyright on submitted material allows this use.
8. Entries can be submitted at any time once the call for entries is open butall entries and supporting materials must be received by **30th September 2018**.
9. The decisions of the Adjudicating Panel are final
10. Entries and attached supporting information and images should be submitted by emailing them to the North West Coastal Forum Secretariat at caroline.salthouse@nwcoastalforum.org.uk
11. Failure to comply with any of the entry rules may result in the forfeiture of your entry.

**NW ACE 2018: Coastal Champion Nomination Form**

This form is designed to be filled in on a computer. If you have any problems or need a version of the form you can write on manually please contact the Secretariat.

**Instructions for completing the form:**

* Grey text boxes: to type text click on the grey area - it will turn black. Start typing and the space will expand as needed.
* Check boxes: to place a cross in a box click on it. To uncheck a box click on it again.
* ‘Choose…’ boxes: clicking on the box will open a drop down menu - click on the relevant answer.

Send completed forms & supporting evidence to caroline.salthouse@nwcoastalforum.org.uk **by 30th September 2018**

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| **1 About the person being nominated****Name:** **Job Title:** **Address:**      **Contact email:**      **Contact telephone:**      **Does this person know you have nominated them?**  |
| **2 About you** ***If different from above*****Name:****Job Title:****Address:**      **Contact email:**      **Contact telephone:**      **What is your relationship to the nominated person?**       |
| **3a Referee 1****Name:**      **Relationship to the nominated person:**      **Contact email:**      **Contact telephone:**       |

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| **3b Referee 2****Name:**      **Relationship to the nominated person:**      **Contact email:**      **Contact telephone:**       |
| **3c Referee 3*****A third referee is only needed if you are nominating yourself*****Name:** **Relationship to the nominated person:** **Contact email:**      **Contact telephone:**       |
| **4 Please provide a 50 word summary of why this person should receive the award** ***This may be used in any publicity so please give careful thought to what is written here***      |
| **5 Meeting the Award Criteria** |
| **5a Which outcomes of the North West Coastal Forum does the person’s work support?** ***Mark all that apply*****[ ]  Promotion and delivery of integrated coastal zone management** **[ ]  Well-integrated planning and management of the coastal zone****[ ]  The economic potential of the NW coast achieved in ways which safeguard, enhance, restore and** **sustainably use our natural and cultural assets****[ ]  A high quality natural and built coastal environment able to adapt to climate and other change****[ ]  Improved recreational opportunities and visitor experience****[ ]  Improved well being of coastal communities****[ ]  Raised appreciation of the coast, its value and its needs** |
| **5b When has this person’s activity taken place?** ***Mark all that apply*****[ ]  2016/17****[ ]  2017/18****[ ]  Ongoing** |
| **5c Where has this person’s activity taken place?**       |

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| **5d Has the impact of their work been local or wide spread?** **[ ]  Localised (e.g. a particular beach)****[ ]  Community-level (e.g. village or town)****[ ]  Wider area (e.g. several communities, or a length of coastline)****[ ]  Other (please describe in the space below)**       |
| **5e Please answer yes, somewhat, or no to the following:** **Have they demonstrated teamwork and leadership?** **If you are not the nominee has their work inspired you?**  **Were other people / groups / organisations from a range of sectors involved?**  **Has the person’s work contributed to building the skills and/or knowledge and awareness of those involved?** **Has the person’s work contributed to building the skills and/or knowledge and awareness of the wider community and those not directly involved?**  |
| **5f Summarise the work and overall contribution of the person, keeping in mind the award criteria and the following questions which are related to these.** ***Please note we are not asking you to answer each question separately - what we are looking for is a summary of no more than 1000 words which demonstrates these aspects of the person’s work****.** How has their work made a **significant contribution to long-term coastal sustainability**?
* What are the **key achievements and outcomes** of the person’s work?
* How has their work **inspired** you and others?
* What is **innovative** about their work?
* How did they **involve others** (people, organisations, etc.) in their work and what **successes have arisen from this wider engagement**?
* What have been the **main benefits to the community and to the coast** from the work they have carried out?
* How has the person **demonstrated their wider understanding of coastal issues** and how their work fits into the bigger picture?
* How did the person ensure the **long-term benefits / legacy** of the work they have done or are doing?

**Summary:**      |
| **6 Supporting documents*****Please make a note below of any supporting documents or photographs supplied – see Entry Terms and Conditions notes 5, 6 & 7.***      |