



Eric Liddell Recognition Awards

The Eric Liddell 100 is a programme of events and activities to recognise and celebrate the life, sporting and community service achievements of one of Scotland's iconic figures. It is being planned around 2024, the centenary of Eric Liddell's historic success at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris.

As part of the [EL100 programme](#), YouthLink Scotland will be working with the [Eric Liddell Community](#) to award 20 'Eric Liddell Recognition Awards' to celebrate some of the amazing young people aged 12 – 26 years, who have made an outstanding contribution to their community through their involvement in youth work in Scotland.

About Eric Liddell

Eric Liddell was a Scottish sprinter, rugby player, and Christian missionary. Although he was born in Tianjin, North China, Eric had strong links to Scotland and Edinburgh. He studied at the University of Edinburgh, represented Scotland in Rugby and Athletics, lived and taught in Edinburgh.

At the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris, Liddell refused to run in the heats for his favoured 100 metres because they were held on a Sunday. Instead he competed in the 400 metres held on a weekday, a race that he won. He returned to China in 1925 to serve as a missionary teacher. Aside from two furloughs in Scotland, he remained in China until his death in a Japanese civilian internment camp in 1945.

Liddell's Olympic training and racing, and the religious convictions that influenced him, are depicted in the Oscar-winning 1981 film *Chariots of Fire*. The story of Eric Liddell is important not only because of his sporting success but also his values and the good he brought to those he met. Eric was a man who lived his day-to-day life with **passion, compassion and integrity**. He was passionate about his beliefs, his sport, his work and doing the right thing. He showed compassion for friends and adversaries alike. He upheld the highest level of integrity, even under the greatest pressures and during times of great danger.



Award Criteria

The criteria for the recognition awards are aligned to the values of the Eric Liddell 100 programme.

- Passion – enthusiasm, dedication, optimism, self-belief
- Compassion – humility, selflessness, respect, care, community-minded
- Integrity – discretion, loyalty, self-sacrifice, principled

We are seeking nominations for young people aged 12 – 26 years who

1. have displayed one or more of the above values, and;
2. have made an outstanding contribution to their community through their involvement youth work in Scotland in 2024.

Making a nomination

To nominate a young person for an Eric Liddell recognition award please complete the nomination form at the following link:

<https://www.youthlink.scot/awards/eric-liddell-nomination/>

Deadlines

The first nomination deadline is **3rd June 2024**.

Winners will be announced at the YouthLink Scotland Youth Work Awards on 12th June 2024.

The second nomination deadline will be **1st October 2024**.

Winners will be announced at the YouthLink Scotland Annual Conference on 5th November 2024.

A maximum of ten awards will be made in each round.



Award winners will be presented with a unique Eric Liddell 100 pin badge and may also subsequently be nominated for the Eric Liddell 100 Awards 2024 hosted by the Eric Liddell Community in November.