

Incarnate Josephine Butler Awards 2009

Josephine Butler associated herself with down-and-outs and prostitutes who were subjected to devastating stigma and harsh legislation in the 19th century. As a devout Christian she believed that no-one was beyond God's love and redemption. Josephine translated her faith into practical action, seeking to change attitudes by personal example, changes to discriminatory laws and setting up refuges for terminally ill women.

In recognition of Josephine's work, Christian poverty fighting organisations and individuals across the North East are being invited to apply for the first ever **Incarnate Josephine Butler Awards**. The Awards celebrate what Christians are doing to tackle poverty head on in local communities.

Incarnate recognises that the call to an intimate relationship with Christ leads to an intimate relationship with the poor; we are celebrating these two relationships with these awards.

Award categories

There will be four awards presented on the Saturday night of the Incarnate Conference, all of which are being sponsored by supporting bodies.

- A Project/Organisation/Charity Award of £1,000 for services to the poor and needy
- A Church Award of £1,000 for successfully impacting the surrounding community
- An Individual Award of £500 for someone making a difference out of their own personal relationship with Christ
- A Study/Travel Award of £500 for a young person to further explore the two intimate relationships as referred to earlier

How to apply

There is no application form. Simply describe in 500 words or less how you, your project/organisation/charity/church or individual you are nominating makes an exceptional contribution in tackling poverty and turning lives around as a response to their relationship with Jesus. Evidence of anecdotal and numerical results of how lives are being transformed are particularly helpful. Supporting evidence of up to 15 pages may be attached to your application. This can include press articles, evaluation reports or applications for funding. If you send originals which require returning, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please be sure to include your contact details and charity registration number if applicable.

Successful applicants will be selected by the Incarnate Steering Group and are asked to be available to collect their award at the Incarnate Conference on Saturday 20th June. Winners will be contacted within 12 months of receipt of their award to assess the impact that it has made.

Where to send your application form

Applications can be posted or emailed to the address below to arrive by 31st May 2009. We would be particularly pleased to receive your applications online via email in pdf or word format rather than hard copy where possible.

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