

Touching the lives of others and making a difference to the world we live in

'Making a difference' seem easy words and sentiments to share but so often the route to make new things happen is complex, challenging and full of barriers to overcome. It takes the ability to inspire others, much courage and determination to really make an impact within the communities we live in.

That's why The Robina Goodlad Award seeks each year to search across Scotland to find those women who are active in the housing sector and are worthy of recognition for their commitment and proven ability to make a difference.

The Robina Goodlad Award is open to women of all ages and backgrounds who are active in any aspect of housing and related activities either in an employed or a voluntary capacity.

Whether a mother, sister or grandmother who is tirelessly volunteering time to build a better community or someone working within a neighbourhood committee, voluntary organisation, board or in an academic capacity - we want you to tell us about these women and their achievements.

It doesn't matter which aspect of housing their achievement comes from. What matters is the difference that has been made and the impact now and for the future. This award is for those whose efforts clearly go beyond expectations, women who have helped - and are helping - to remove barriers and open up opportunities for others.

If you know of a woman with these qualities, a woman who deserves recognition for her work, her ambition, her energy and determination please make a nomination by 29 January 2010.

Last year's recipient of the Robina Goodlad Award
Jane Ballantyne,
Retired Director Freespace

Jane joined Freespace at its launch and embarked on a campaign to raise funding for this tenant led organisation, set up to provide support to people with disabilities within their own secured tenancies. Jane tackled obstacles and fought the cause against many prejudices to secure funding that has given people the voice and the power to make their own decisions, helping them to integrate independently into society. In her retirement Jane continues to be an inspiration to others and an active figure in the housing sector.

Eligibility Criteria

- Any woman can be nominated whether volunteering, employed in housing or related activities or giving time in an unpaid capacity through committee, board or voluntary committee
- Nominees need not be members of the CIH
- CIH members are not eligible for nomination whilst serving on the Scotland Board of CIH
- Nominees can be considered whether or not they have been recognised for achievement through any other body
- In the event of nomination being unsuccessful one year the proposer can resubmit the entry in a subsequent year

How to Make a Nomination

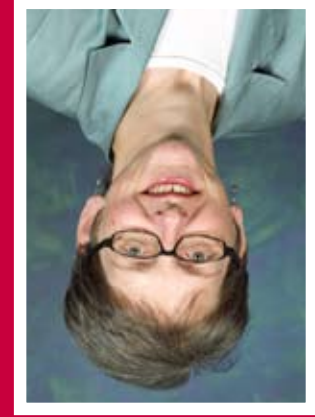
Complete the online application form which can be found on the CIH website <http://cih.org/awards/robnagoodlad>, a copy of the application form can be sent to you by phoning 0131 225 4544 or emailing Scotland@cih.org

In support of your nomination provide a summary of no more than 500 words outlining the nominees claim to the award. This summary will be the main source of information for shortlisting candidates and the judging panel will be looking for:

- Examples of how the candidate has broken new ground
- Succeeded by doing things differently from the established practices
- Gone beyond the requirements of their role (particularly where the candidate is in a paid role)
- How achievements may have helped to remove barriers, open up opportunities for others, set a new pathway or promoted social justice
- Where appropriate describe the candidate's vision for their future and how they intend, in practical terms to build on their existing achievements

Please include any relevant documentation such as press coverage or materials the nominee may have produced (this need not be contained within the 500 word summary). We ask that prior to making your submission you confirm with the individual concerned that they are willing to be nominated.

The closing date for nominations is 29 January 2010.



Robina Goodlad

was Professor of Housing and Urban Studies and Head of the Department of Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow, as well as Founding Co-Director of the Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice. Born and brought up in Shetland, Robina graduated from the universities of Aberdeen and Glasgow with degrees in Sociology and Town & Regional Planning before joining the newly formed Planning Exchange in Glasgow.

Pursuing her core values of equality of treatment and respect for all, Robina went on to establish and direct the first Tenant Participation Advisory Service in Scotland, before embarking on an academic career at Glasgow University. Here, Robina's enthusiasm, encouragement and consideration for others led to her well-deserved appointment as Head of Department of Urban Studies. Robina died on 8 June 2005 after a short illness.

Robina Goodlad was the model of a modern academic; scholarly and highly principled but always with her feet on the ground. She combined, to great effect, her career with family responsibilities and a strong commitment to making a difference to the world she lived in. Her work lives on in the Robina Goodlad Award for Women Achievers in Housing.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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