

Active Dundee Sports Awards 2025/26 winners announced at Apex Hotel ceremony

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The winners of the Active Dundee Sports Awards 2025/26 were announced at a ceremony at the Apex Hotel, celebrating athletes, clubs, coaches and volunteers who have made an impact across Dundee's sporting community.



Winners Group Photo with host Bruce

Active Dundee Sports Awards 2025/26 winners were announced at a glittering ceremony held at Apex Hotel Dundee on Saturday evening, celebrating a year of sporting success across the city.

Organised by Leisure & Culture Dundee, the event brought together athletes, clubs, schools, coaches and volunteers from across Dundee to recognise achievement at every level, from elite performance sport to grassroots participation.

The evening opened with a performance from [Dundee Schools](#) Musical Theatre, setting a celebratory tone before awards were presented by Bruce Aitchison, host of the "Happiness Is..." podcast, who returned for his fourth year as compere.

Special guests included athletes Anastasia Vaipan-Law and Luke Digby, alongside coach Simon Briggs, who shared insights into their sporting journeys and recent experiences at the [Winter Olympic Games](#), highlighting the city's growing sporting talent.

Speaking after the event, Scott Urquhart, Head of Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Service at [Active Dundee](#), praised the contributions of athletes, volunteers and partners in supporting sport across the city and thanked sponsors, including headline sponsor Gym Rental Company.



The winners of the 2025/26 Active Dundee Sports Awards



Greenfield Academy was named Secondary School of the Year, presented by John McCafferty of Active Dundee, with sponsorship from Gladstone and Graeme Kiddie in attendance.



Grove Menzieshill Hockey Club named Club of the Year, with Les Maclean presenting the award on behalf of sponsor Doe Sport.



Dundee West Community Trust wins the Changing Lives Award, presented by Andy McLaughlan on behalf of the headline sponsor, Gym Rental Company.



Jacqueline Bell named School Volunteer of the Year, presented by Judy Dobbie on behalf of trophy sponsor Active Dundee.



Eve Fairbairn named Young Sports Person of the Year, presented by Keir Reilly on behalf of sponsor Quest Precision Engineering.



Jacqueline Houston was named Volunteer Coach of the Year, presented by Shelagh Allison on behalf of sponsor Dundee Sports Dinner.



Luke Digby and Anastasia Vaipan-Law were named Sports Persons of the Year, presented by Deputy Lord Provost Nadia El-Nakla on behalf of sponsor Active Dundee.



The host Bruce Aitchison



Ballumbie Primary School named Primary School of the Year, presented by James Fenna on behalf of sponsor Active Schools.



Maisy Jack named Young Volunteer of the Year, presented by Councillor Lynne Short on behalf of sponsor Robertson.



Winners with host Bruce



Aiden Downie was awarded the Jenny Wood Allen Memorial Trophy, presented by Jen Quinton on behalf of sponsor Dundee City Disability Sport.



James Fenna, Active Schools Manager, delivered the opening speech at the Active Dundee Sports Awards, welcoming guests and highlighting the importance of sport in schools and communities across the city.



Dundee Schools Musical Theatre Performers



Irene Morrison received the Lifetime Commitment Award, presented by Susan McConnachie and Alison Mackenzie on behalf of sponsor Sportscotland.



Gregor Angus was named Student Volunteer of the Year, with the award collected in his absence by Kelly Moonlight of the University of Dundee. The trophy was presented by Ross Lorimer on behalf of the sponsor, the University of Abertay.



Luke Digby, Anastasia Vaipan-Law and coach Simon Briggs appeared as guest speakers, sharing insights into their sporting journeys and recent successes at the Active Dundee Sports Awards.



Kevin Ancell named Club Volunteer of the Year, presented by Harry Byers on behalf of sponsor Sport Dundee.

All the winners from the big night

Student Volunteer of the Year

Gregor Angus – University of Dundee

Young Volunteer of the Year

Maisy Jack – St John's RC High School

School Volunteer of the Year

Jacqueline Bell – Greenfield Academy

Club Volunteer of the Year

Kevin Ancell – Dundee High School FP Cricket Club

Volunteer Coach of the Year

Jacqueline Houston – Dundee City Aquatics

Lifetime Commitment Award

Irene Morrison – Forthill Squash Club

Primary School of the Year

Ballumbie Primary School

Secondary School of the Year

Greenfield Academy

Club of the Year

Grove Menzieshill Hockey Club

Jenny Wood Allen Memorial Trophy

Aiden Downie – Dundee City Aquatics

Young Sports Person of the Year

Eve Fairbairn – Grove Academy

Sports Person of the Year

Anastasia Vaipan-Law & Luke Digby – Dundee Ice Skating Club

Changing Lives Award

Dundee West Community Trust