

Scottish Community Link Worker Network Conference and Awards 2026

We are really excited to announce our Network Awards Finalists for 2026. Together, this year's finalists demonstrate the extraordinary impact Community Link Workers have in reducing inequalities, strengthening communities and improving lives across Scotland.

Their commitment and innovation embody this year's theme: Rooted in Communities, Growing Together.

Celebrating Our 2026 Award Finalists

Community Link Worker Partnership of the Year

'Peer for You' Mental Health Support Group - The ALLIANCE

Developed in partnership with Glasgow GP practices, Peer for You provides a welcoming peer support environment helping people reduce isolation, build confidence, strengthen coping skills and create lasting connections.

Calum Barry, Health All Round & Grant Westfield, Edinburgh CLW Service

This innovative partnership created a flexible crisis support fund alongside clothing and Christmas support initiatives, providing rapid and compassionate assistance to people facing financial hardship and other urgent needs.

Janette Cunningham, Children's Health Scotland, Cranhill Development Trust & Edinburgh Road Medical Practice

Together the partnership delivered Empowered to Thrive, supporting young people with long-term health conditions to build confidence, self-management skills and understanding of their health rights.

Community Link Worker Team of the Year

Community-Led Support Link Worker Team, Fife

Supporting nearly 5,800 people annually through an innovative person-centred model helping individuals navigate complex health and social challenges.

Strathcarron Hospice & Falkirk CVS - Blossoms Women's Peer Support Group

Providing a welcoming peer-led space where women can connect, share experiences and build resilience.

Glasgow City HSCP Community Link Worker Team

Operating across 80 GP practices and supporting more than 17,500 people during the past year.

Outstanding Scottish Community Link Worker of the Year

Linsey Drever - NHS Orkney

Recognised for providing compassionate, life-changing support to people facing bereavement, addiction, financial hardship and mental health challenges.

Calum Barry - Health All Round, Edinburgh CLW Service

Known for identifying community needs and developing practical solutions that have benefited hundreds of local people.

Tony Channing - Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise

Combining frontline practice with leadership to strengthen Community Link Worker services and local partnerships.