

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Freedom of the Borough: Nomination criteria

The Council may admit as Honorary Freemen/women of the Borough 'persons of distinction and persons who have in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the borough' (Local Government Act 1972, section 249(5))

The Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour that the Council can bestow and will only be awarded on merit to exceptional persons. In considering whether to recommend a person or persons for admittance as a Freeman/woman, the Freedom of the Borough Ad Hoc panel will take into account whether the person has:-

- Demonstrated exceptional achievement or service to the community which is outstanding in its field
- Made a real difference in their field of work or their community
- Brought distinction to the borough or enhanced its reputation
- Exemplified sustained and selfless voluntary service
- Demonstrated innovation, entrepreneurship or exceptional business acumen which has delivered benefits to the borough
- Carried the respect of and inspired his/her peers
- Significantly improved the lot of those less able to help themselves or suffering disadvantage
- Promoted community cohesion
- Displayed moral courage and vision in making and delivering tough choices
- Contributed to the borough beyond the call of duty in a way that stands out above others.