

# The Herald

## **Vote for the greatest campaigner**

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THE best public campaigners of the year are being sought as contenders for a prestigious award to be presented next month at the Scottish Politician of the Year dinner.

Readers of The Herald are invited to submit nominations for the public campaign or public campaigner prize.

Last year the inaugural trophy was presented to Ozlem and David Grimason, the husband and wife from East Kilbride and Edinburgh who campaigned for reform of Turkey's gun laws after their toddler son was killed when a gangsters' gunfight broke out in a cafe.

Also on the shortlist was a campaign to preserve hospital services in Lochaber and former Strathclyde Police officer Shirley McKie's personal battle for justice that exposed major problems in the finger-print identification system.

The award will be presented on November 17 at a dinner at the Royal Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, which will be broadcast by Scottish and Grampian Television. This year's event will be the seventh annual awards, with sponsorship from Diageo, the global drinks company. Trophies will also be presented to the best Holyrood politician, the best debater and the best Scot at Westminster.

Ideas that have already been submitted include campaigns for hospitals, rural schools and asylum seekers, and movements against global poverty and the Iraq war. Nominations can be emailed to [sam.boyd@theherald.co.uk](mailto:sam.boyd@theherald.co.uk) or posted to Sam Boyd, The Herald, 200 Renfield Street, Glasgow G2 3QB.