



# The Helen McGregor Award

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Management Committee/Board of a  
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# Helen McGregor

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**H**elen McGregor was a founding member of Shettleston Housing Association and EVH. Helen won the fore runner of this award in 2000. When she won the award she said:

“When I received my MBE I felt a tremendous sense of achievement on behalf of the people of Shettleston and for the housing association movement generally. I would have to be sincere in saying that the Award from EVH has surpassed how I felt about my MBE. This in no way is meant to diminish the MBE but rather to show my regard for the credibility and prestige which is attached to the Committee Member Award. I also know from personal experience just how much esteem is attached to the award within our movement. I can summarise my feelings with regard to my own Association and the housing association movement by saying that there is much to be proud of and much to celebrate.”

Although, sadly Helen is no longer with us EVH have named the award in recognition of her inspiration and our wish to give real recognition to the very important role that people like Helen play as a Committee Member and their outstanding contribution to their communities.

## Who Can Win the Award?

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**T**his year the award is sponsored by **Elderpark Housing Association** and is open to all management committee members in Scotland, excluding current serving members of the EVH Executive Committee. **Individuals who have made a positive contribution in the last 36 months (at the time of nomination)** as a volunteer to a social employer, and currently serve on a Management Committee or Board are eligible for nomination.

This year's winner will receive a cash prize of £500 and an engraved trophy, sponsored by **ng homes** at EVH's Annual Conference which will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, St Andrews on the weekend of **26—28 October 2018**.

## Shortlisting

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**A**ll nominees will be notified of the outcome of their nomination by **03 August 2017**. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to meet with the panel in September 2018 before a final decision is reached.

# 2017 Winner



## **E**lspeth Millen - Chairperson **Elderpark Housing Association**

Elspeth's love and dedication for Elderpark shone through in both her nomination form and at her panel interview with the Judges having no hesitation in her selection as a worthy winner.

Pictured with Elspeth is Cat Harvey and Jim Hempsey of Shettleston Housing Association,

# Previous Award Winners

**2017** Elspeth Millen—Elderpark Housing Association  
**2016** Barry Jarvis—Osprey Housing, Moray  
**2015** Patryk Topolski—Garrion People's Housing Co-Op  
**2014** Ron Richards—Cunninghame Housing Association  
**2013** Liz Ruine - Cube Housing Association  
**2012** John Gray—Queens Cross Housing Association  
**2011** j', Tenants—First Housing Co-operative  
**2010** Josie Smith—Glen Housing Association  
**2009** Jean Black—Pineview Housing Association  
**2008** Sandra Forsythe MBE—Glasgow Housing Association  
**2007** Martin Van Der Lee—Tenants First Housing Partnership

**2006** George Murray—Dumfries & Galloway Housing Partnership  
**2005** David Cowan—North Glasgow Housing Association  
**2004** Anne Stuart, Cassiltoun Housing Association  
**2003** Robert Wright, Cadder Housing Association  
**2002** Peter Howden, Calvay Housing Co-operative  
**2001** John Hearn, Clydebank Housing Association  
**2000** Helen McGregor MBE, Shettleston Housing Association  
**1999** John Jones, Ferguslie Park Housing Association  
**1998** Alison McFeat MBE, Abertay Housing Association  
**1997** Pat McGinley MBE, Glen Oaks Housing Association

# 2018 Sponsors

**A** big thank you to our main award sponsor this year, **Elderpark Housing Association** and to **ng homes** for sponsoring the winners prize and also the pre-dinner drinks reception on the night of the awards ceremony.



# Nomination Guidelines

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**N**ominations can be made by a fellow committee member, staff member or tenant, self nominations are not acceptable. This year the judging criteria for the award will focus on a wide range of achievements which have been made, specifically, **within the last 36 months** at the time of nomination. A wide range of achievements will be considered, possibly including for example; new and improved services, regeneration, better deals for tenants or new housing schemes. We are looking for evidence of how nominees have made and continue to make a positive difference.

You may find the following tips useful:

- Clearly describe the nominee's contribution to any individual or joint projects in the last 36 months;
- Keep the description of the project to a minimum – the panel will be more interested in the nominee's contribution to the project than the project itself;
- Avoid irrelevant details—past experience shows that some applications include a lot of padding that make the nominee's achievements difficult to assess;
- Give as much personal information about the nominee as is possible and relevant;
- Being on a management committee means being a team player and we also need those who can be ambassadors, add value and recognise links and opportunities.

## Return of Nomination Forms

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**P**lease return your completed nomination forms to **Susie Anderson**:

Email: [Susie@evh.org.uk](mailto:Susie@evh.org.uk)

Post: EVH, 5th Floor, 137 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, G2 3EW

**PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 22 JUNE 2018**

