



SPORT GIVES BACK

“Changing Lives”

2020 AWARDS

The inaugural Sport Gives Back Awards were held on March 5, 2020 at The Royal Institution in London's Mayfair.

Present on the night were legends from the worlds of sport and dance, including Lord Sebastian Coe, Dame Kelly Holmes, Dame Darcey Bussell, Daley Thompson, Jason Robinson, Lee Dixon and Crista Cullen. Olympian Jeanette Kwakye presented the awards.



Ten charities from across the country presented awards to individuals and organisations who have changed the lives of others through sport.



Greenhouse Sports: Phil Akerman of the St Paul's Way Trust School with Greg Rusedski.



Active Communities Network: Hannah Brooman with Hannah Rankin.



Saracens Sport Foundation: Ozgur Has with Calum Clark.



Dame Kelly Holmes Trust: Liz Johnson with Dame Kelly Holmes.



Sported: Katherine Josselyn with Jean Tomlin, on behalf of Tony Barclay.



Sportworks: Tony Pensom from Shotley and Benfieldside Tennis Club with Robert Bugden.



Samson Centre for Multiple Sclerosis: John Hambly with Simon Shaw & Andy Comersall.



Yorke Dance Project: Laura Dredger with Dame Darcy Bussell.



Lord's Taverners: Sam Alderson with Adam Hills.



Youth Sport Trust: Saadia Abubaker with Alex Danson.



Jordan Ajadi performed a dance choreographed by the Yorke Dance Project for the event.



Spoken word poet Karl Lokko closed the ceremony with his piece The Butterfly Effect.



Feedback

“A wonderful event, so moving and inspiring and superbly presented. Our winners and guests were blown away by the narratives and the occasion.

“For the two sixth-formers who came, they said it was best ‘school’ night of their lives!”

**Ben Wyatt
Chief Executive Officer
Greenhouse Sports**

“What can I say...just WOW. What an amazing night.

“It was the right balance of impactful, fun and downright moving. A massive thank you to the team that worked tirelessly to make this happen.”

**Zenna Hopson
Chief Executive Officer
Active Communities Network**

“It was a fantastic evening, truly amazing that it was the first one because it felt so polished.

“How amazing to be in a room with Kelly Holmes and Sebastian Coe, and them NOT be the most inspiring stories.”

**Alix Carpenter
Business Development Manager
Travers Smith**

“Thank you for including me in your evening...rewarding those that do not always get to share the limelight but are instrumental in changing lives all over the country.”

**Crista Cullen
Olympic gold medallist**

“A brilliant evening. So much authentic joy and expression. Where there is sport there is hope!”

**Charlie Stainforth
Chief Executive Officer
Circl**

“We really enjoyed the evening, the location, set up and overall staging.

“The inclusion of so many sporting alumni was both encouraging and provided a special touch to the event – they weren’t just present, they were all engaged.”

**Viveen Taylor
Strategic Lead
Sport England**

“Huge thanks...for putting on such a brilliant and smoothly run event. So impressive and incredibly inspiring. I know that all my guests were in awe of what they saw.”

**Yolande Yorke-Edgell
Artistic Director
Yorke Dance Project**

“A real example of how charities in the sector can work together for the better good.”

**Nicola Walker
CEO
Sported**

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