**Independence Awards with *SIF* and *The National* - Rules of Award**

**1. Introduction**

The Scottish Independence Foundation (SIF) and *The National* newspaper have created two awards which aim to recognise any nominated individual or organisation whose campaigning activities in the last year have been successful in furthering the cause of Scottish Independence. Currently serving parliamentarians are not eligible for nomination, although councillors are.

Eligible work might involve:

* education or training of activists
* design/production of materials, literature, etc, to be used in the campaign
* an event or series of events that will positively raise the profile of the campaign
* development of infrastructure and/or processes to support a future campaign.

**2. Awards categories**

The Awards categories are:

**A. Indy Campaigner of the Year Award**

The prize will be a trophy for the winner to retain, and £1,500 to be given to the pro-Independence group/project of the winner’s choice (and which is compatible with SIF’s aims).

**B. Indy Group of the Year Award**

The prize will be £1,000 to be spent on pro-Independence activity of the group’s choice.

**3. Award Panel**

Decisions on awards will be made by a Panel appointed by the SIF Board.

**4. Nomination Process**

The opening of nominations will be intimated through *The National* newspaper, direct correspondence with pro-Independence groups known to SIF, and social media. Both *The National* newspaper and the SIF.scot website will contain online nomination forms and a copy of these Rules of Award.

Nominations may be submitted by individuals or groups, and must include an appraisal of how the nominee’s work has helped achieve SIF’s objectives.

**5. Award Period**

The period covered by the first awards will be January 2019 to the intimated close of nominations in 2020.