



2024 Nomination Package

9th Annual Change Makers Awards





About the Awards

Each year, YWCA Banff presents the Change Makers Awards to outstanding women and gender diverse people from the Bow Valley who have made a lasting difference in the lives of people in the Bow Valley and beyond. Any self-identified woman or gender diverse person who meets the award category criteria is eligible for nomination.

YWCA Banff is proud to host these awards, recognizing local individuals who through their own initiative, ability, and effort have demonstrated exemplary achievement in their fields. The awards honor individuals who are outstanding role models and have made substantial contributions to the fabric of our community in unique ways.

Within this nomination packet, you'll find important information about the nomination criteria, selection criteria, and selection process, along with a Change Makers nomination form. Please read the information in this packet carefully to ensure your nominee is properly qualified, and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You'll find contact information at the end of the nomination form.

Thank you for investing your time to nominate a Bow Valley individual who you feel exemplifies the qualities of a Change Maker.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Ebony Rempel.

Ebony Rempel
Chief Executive Officer
YWCA Banff

Key Dates

NOMINATION DEADLINE

April 1, 2024

CHANGE MAKERS AWARDS

May 9, 2024

Submissions

SEND BY EMAIL: MARKETING@YWCABANFF.CA

- MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59 PM ON APRIL 1, 2024
- Late submissions will not be considered
- Incomplete submissions will not be considered
- Once submitted, nomination packages cannot be edited or altered

Nomination Form & Guidelines

Nominate an outstanding individual in our community who has made a lasting difference in the lives of people in the Bow Valley and beyond.

The nominee has, through their own initiative, ability, and effort, demonstrated exemplary achievement in their professional or personal life. They are a role model, a leader, and an inspiration to others. They direct their energies to the well-being of people in their life and their community.

They respond to individual and societal needs with dedication,

compassion, and courage. They are helping to build a strong community by being an advocate and a change-maker.

They have made substantial contributions to the social fabric of communities here and beyond in unique ways. The contributions they make provide significant and lasting benefit to the lives of women and gender diverse people.

Whether a trailblazer in their field or a young person on the rise, they are a pathfinder, bringing forth the key issues facing our community today.

Through their commitment to social change, they will leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Nominations are open to all women and gender diverse folks.



NOMINATOR QUALIFICATIONS:

- The nominator can be any individual who is interested in nominating an eligible nominee
- The nominator must fully complete the Nomination Form and submit it, along with the support material by 11:59 pm on April 1, 2024
- Current members of the Bow Valley Change Makers Awards selection committee are not eligible to submit nominations
- Multiple nominations from the same nominator are allowed

NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY:

Nominee Must:

- Be a role model, pioneer or outstanding achiever residing in the Bow Valley - including the communities of Banff, Canmore, Lake Louise, Exshaw, Kananaskis and Mini Thni
- Self-identify as female or gender-diverse
- Age restrictions: Emerging Leaders – Nominees must be 16-30 years old. Community Champion & Innovation – Nominees must be 18 years+
- Support the mission and values of YWCA Banff
- Consent to nomination
- Be available to, or have a representative, attend the awards presentation on May 9, 2024



NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED:

In addition:

- We welcome and encourage inclusive and diverse nominations with respect to nominees' age, nationality, residency status in Canada, and career path
- Previous nominees may be re-nominated
- Previous award recipients; current YWCA Banff employees and Board members; and current Bow Valley Change Makers selection committee members are ineligible to be nominated
- Post-humous nominations cannot be accepted



Selection Process

The selection committee is comprised of YWCA Board members and employees, Change Makers alumnae and community members. The committee will review all submissions against nomination criteria and guidelines. The committee may contact nominators to confirm information or ask follow-up questions.

Three award recipients will be selected and announced at the Change Makers award ceremony on May 9, 2024.

Important! If selected as a YWCA Change Maker, the recipient **MUST** agree to be part of all media promotions, including local media, promotional videos, and be acknowledged on the YWCA Banff website. Recipients will also be asked to deliver a short acceptance speech at the 2024 Change Makers Awards ceremony on May 9, 2024.

Nomination Categories

COMMUNITY CHAMPION

This award honors an individual who has initiated meaningful change within the local community, dedicating their own time and resources to champion their cause. They are a visionary trailblazer, a source of strength for the community, and have improved and enriched the lives of others. They have made a significant and sustained difference in the Bow Valley and are an influential leader through paid work and/or volunteerism in the private, public, or not-for-profit sector.

INNOVATION

This award honors an individual who boldly embraces new, original ideas and pursues creative ways of making a difference in the business or non-profit sector, or through volunteerism. They are a leader who challenges and motivates others to think outside of the box and explore cutting-edge solutions to improving their surroundings, facilitating change, and creating opportunities whenever possible. They may be a founder, owner, leader or other innovator, creating and implementing innovative programs, practices, partnerships, policies or activities that influence social good and positive change for our community.

EMERGING LEADER

This award recognizes an emerging leader aged 16 - 30, who is an inspirational role model in their career, achievements, or community building roles. They have made a significant difference in the Bow Valley through their commitment to a cause or pursuit of a personal dream while showing perseverance, innovation, and a keen understanding of community issues. They inspire others to follow their example, and set the pace for others to walk alongside them. They are leaders who will continue to inspire us for years to come.

Please complete the nomination form below and return to YWCA Banff via email: Marketing@ywcabanff.ca or in person by April 1, 2024.



2024 Change Maker Awards Nomination Form

PART ONE: NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

(Your Information)

First and Last Name:

Pronouns:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Would you like to receive occasional email updates about the YWCA Banff? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PART TWO: NOMINEE INFORMATION:

(Who are you nominating?)

First and Last Name:

Pronouns:

Place of Residence:

If nominating for the Emerging Leader Award, please indicate age of nominee:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

What award is this person being nominated for? Check all that apply.

☐ Community Champion ☐ Emerging Leader ☐ Innovation

PART THREE: NOMINATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer the following questions on the next three pages about the nominee to demonstrate how they meet or exceed the award criteria.

Submissions are limited to the space provided. We recommend you read through the questions in advance and plan your responses to make best use of the space provided. Bullet points are recommended.

1. Describe three characteristics of the nominee that make them an ideal candidate for the Change Makers award.

2. How is the nominee, through their personal or professional accomplishments, an inspiration to you?

3. How does the nominee demonstrate a commitment to serving the community?

4. If more space is needed, share one or two examples of key projects/initiatives the nominee has been involved with that demonstrate a commitment to serving the community.

5. How has the nominee's community engagement and leadership had a lasting impact on the lives of women and gender diverse people?

Optional: Nominators may include a one-page letter of introduction and a maximum of two additional letters of support.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the nomination form, or if you require support making your submission.

Please Note: The selection committee relies upon the nominators to provide a clear, detailed submission to help them get to know the outstanding qualities of the nominee. The selection committee may contact you with follow up questions if the need arises.

Nomination Submission & Deadline

Please submit your nomination to:

**Marketing@ywcabanff.ca at YWCA Banff via email
or in person by April 1, 2024**