



ROLL OF DISTINCTION NOMINATION FORM FOR BDA HONOURS & AWARDS

Nominating Branch /Section / Group/ Committee or professional association (as appropriate)	Nominations can be made by any member but the nomination should have the support of a nominating Branch/Section/Group/Standing Committee or other Professional Association – unless there are special circumstances which should be outlined. Self-nominations or nominations by a family member will not be accepted. Soliciting and canvassing is not allowed.
Name of contact person and office held	Self-explanatory and is usually the individual from Branch/Section/Group/Standing Committee or Professional Association who has completed the nomination form.
Contact details for correspondence (Address, telephone number and email of contact person)	See previous. Please include as much detail as possible and indicate preferred means of communication.
Personal Details of Nominee	
Name of Nominee	Please use full name as it occurs on the Dental Register which can be accessed on the General Dental Council website. Please also check that this is the name of the nominee on their BDA membership.
Membership Address	Again please make sure the address given is the same as that used in their BDA membership records as the information is used by BDA staff to check against our records to assess qualification for award category.
Qualifications with relevant dates	Self-explanatory.
BDA Membership – including the date membership commenced	
Honour or Award for which they are being nominated (<i>please refer to the attached guidance for categories</i>)	Roll of Distinction - - If the nominator is unsure which award the member should be nominated for it can be left to the discretion of the Honours and Awards Committee.

Career Information

Please detail nominee's sphere(s) of practice, with dates, places and appointments held, and date of retirement (if applicable)

The nominee does not have to be aware of the nomination but it is difficult to fill in this form, especially the career information, without sight of the nominee's cv. Detailed information and dates can be difficult to include without asking the nominee and in some cases even this does not help. If you are not sure of detailed dates do not include them.

Nikita qualified as a Dental Hygienist in 1990 from Guy's London and worked in Community Dental Services in Peckham from 1990 until 2014.

1994-2000 Oral health coordinator for the Peckham homeless shelter

2000- present CEO and Founder of "Healthy Mouths for All"

2002 – present Visiting Fellow Guy's London speciality area of Oral health education in deprived communities

BDA Activity

- (i) Please provide details of activity at Branch and Section and/or Group level, including membership of Branch, Council, Group, Committees etc, with dates. Please include details of any outstanding service to Branch, Section and Group or members locally.

N/A

- (ii) Please provide details of membership of national BDA Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties, with dates, offices held etc

N/A

- (iii) Please provide details of any representation of the Association on outside bodies at national level

N/A

- (iv) Please provide details of any other special contributions

BDA Conference lectures on Oral Health inequalities and homelessness 2004, 2007, 2008.
Ongoing contribution to local events programme through the BDA.

Other Committee Experience

Please provide details of any involvement with other associated Committees

Nikita is a regular contributor to round table discussions across multiple organisations on the subject of oral health in the homeless.

Address to parliament cross party working groups regarding homelessness

International Activity

Please provide details of any involvement at international level (eg FDI)

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Specialist Societies

Please provide details of memberships with any specialist societies, with offices and dates

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Scientific achievements

Please list publication in peer-reviewed journals and any published books and contributions to books as well as any significant successful grant applications and research

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Other contributions to professional activity

Please provide details of any other contributions to the profession (eg speaker at Branch and Section meetings, postgraduate courses etc)

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Regular speaker at local and national BDA events talking about the experiences of “Healthy Mouths for All” and the specific oral health challenges of those facing homelessness in the UK.

Has your nominee contributed to exemplary patient care?

Please provide examples or details

The launch of the charity “Healthy Mouths for All” in 2002

Has your nominee contributed above and beyond what is expected in the response to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic?

Please give details

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Maintained ongoing support for recipients of the charities activities throughout the pandemic providing supplies to hostels and hotels utilised for emergency housing. Worked with LDCs to ensure access to emergency care for unregistered patients with signposting and access support, often to the extent of making phonecalls on behalf of patients with communication challenges and organising transportation.

Statement of Support

Please summarise the reasons why the Branch/Section/Group, BDA Committee or professional association is nominating this individual for a BDA Honour or Award (*approx 200 words - please continue on a separate sheet if necessary*).

“Health Smiles for All” is a charity set of by Nikita Nominee with the express purpose of breaking down barriers to dental care for the homeless community. Inspired by Oral health education volunteer work at the local homeless shelter, and taking on increasing responsibility for fundraising and organisation of access clinics and oral cancer screenings, the charity was born.

Initially it covered Greater London, working in conjunction with Dental Hospitals, Community Dental Clinics and local practitioners, and has since expanded to cover most major UK towns and Cities.

The benefits to the community and to those who have been involved at any level with the charity are unmatched. Her steadfast determination to overcome challenges, and dedication to mentoring and inspiring particularly young practitioners to get involved with volunteer work has been a immeasurable asset to the profession.

Although she show no signs of slowing down, we feel that the time is right to honour these great works and use this opportunity to raise up our colleague Nikita and demonstrate how collaborative team working can benefit us all.

Signed:

Date:

Nomination

Please indicate whether the nominee is aware of this nomination

Yes

No

The form should be signed and dated by the contact person who is filling in the form. The nominee does not have to be aware of the nomination for Fellowship Medal. For all nominations that are marked that the nominee is unaware we will keep the nomination confidential and we will only liaise with the contact person/lead nominator until the award is confirmed.