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Press Information

**Tireless campaigner who overcame brain injury to help others entered for award**

**A woman who campaigns tirelessly for the victims of carbon monoxide poisoning, despite suffering a brain injury from exposure to the gas, has been nominated for an award.**

Lynn Griffiths set up the charity CO Awareness in 2008 after she and her family were unknowingly poisoned during the late 1990s.

Over the past decade she has campaigned vigorously in order to get medical recognition of the injuries resulting out of exposure to carbon monoxide and set up the highly success CO Awareness Week.

Now her fundraising partners at Birmingham-based Raisemore have entered Lynn in the Britain's Best Volunteer awards for her efforts.

Andy Green, Head of Strategic Partnerships at Raisemore, said: "When we began working with Lynn we knew we were in the midst of someone special, and all at Raisemore agreed that she deserved to be recognised for her amazing work.

"To experience such adversity but still put others before herself, Lynn is a real inspiration. Lynn was diagnosed with a brain injury due to the exposure and told it could handicap her daily life, yet she fights to see justice for victims."

Green added: "CO Awareness Week is in its ninth year as an annual event and would enjoy significant and warranted exposure if Lynn was honoured as Britain's Best Volunteer. And this would allow Lynn to make significant inroads into lobbying the Government and industry to introduce measures to improve safety and raise awareness."

**Raisemore was appointed by CO Awareness to help it raise £18,000 in order to take its life-changing CO Awareness Week to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.**

Lynn, from Cheshire, campaigns continually to see the effects of carbon monoxide become widely-accepted amongst medical professionals, whilst seeking more serious consequences taken against the gas industry when poisoning is detected.

She began volunteering by running Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week, which aims to reduce the number of incidents, fatalities and ill-health due to CO poisoning by raising awareness.

With Lynn's determination & guidance, CO Awareness survived the threat of closure in 2011 and now has a rebranded website and an app.



More information about the Britain's Best Volunteer awards can be found here <http://www.markeluk.com/britains-best-volunteer.aspx>.

For further information about CO Awareness go to [www.covictim.org](http://www.covictim.org)

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Raisemore brings together all aspects of fundraising in one place, so small charities without the big budgets of larger organisations can make dealing with their donors and supporters easier and more efficient.

The company's mission is to give growing charities the same fundraising power as major organisations.

Raisemore is part of the Inspire Fundraising Company and through carefully selected partners they have the ability to maximise all recognised forms of fundraising, for the greatest impact to any charitable organisation.

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