

GUIDELINES FOR THE CANTERBURY BLUE PLAQUES PROJECT: 2021

The criteria below are derived from the criteria proposed by Canterbury City Council for the selection of blue plaques, with some additions from English Heritage and some amendments by the Working Group. Anyone proposing a plaque is advised to follow these criteria. The final decision about the selection of plaques will be made by the Working Group.

Guidelines phase 1: Assessment:

- 1 There is an original, publicly-accessible physical site or building associated with the person or event, or the building to be commemorated is sufficiently intact
- 2 The person to be commemorated has been dead for at least 20 years or the event to be commemorated took place at least 20 years prior to the erection of the plaque
- 3 There is demonstrable evidence of the individual's connections with and presence in Canterbury or evidence that the event took place within Canterbury
- 4 The person or event is not already commemorated by a plaque or other means

Guidelines phase 2 Short listing (if the above criteria have been met)

- 5 The nominee/event is recognised locally, nationally or internationally
- 6 The individual or event should be understood to have made some important positive contribution to human welfare or happiness
- 7 The nominee/event is considered exceptional or outstanding in a local or national context, and a well-informed passer-by would recognise their/its name
- 8 The nominee is regarded as being eminent by a majority of members of their profession or calling; or where an event is to be recognised it holds demonstrable significance to the circumstances with which it is connected.

Additional criteria from the English Heritage Guidelines

- 9 No one will be either shortlisted or not shortlisted on the basis of gender, race or sexual orientation. The Working Group will, however, pay due regard to the overall gender and ethnic balance of cases being shortlisted, and to the imbalances in representation that presently exist
- 10 Proposals will be considered for plaques commemorating more than one person. In such instances, each of the figures to be commemorated must be of significance in their own right
- 11 Animals and fictitious characters will not be considered for commemoration
- 12 Proposals can be considered for the commemoration of buildings that have a historical significance worthy of public notice, either because a historical event of particular importance occurred there, or because the building had an important historical significance that is not obvious from its present appearance, use or any existing commemoration.

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