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A SEARCH FOR CITY HEROES

THE search is on for unsung heroes who make their neighbourhood a better place to live during Capital of Culture year.

Liverpool Culture Company and the city council are asking residents to nominate people with real community spirit for the Liverpool's Best Neighbour competition.

The winner will be awarded four VIP tickets for the start of the Tall Ships' Races in July - one of the summer's biggest events.

They will be presented with their prize during a special reception at Liverpool Town Hall on May 12, when the city will officially launch this **year's European Neighbours' Day celebrations**.

Anyone living within the council's boundaries is eligible to be nominated.

Organisers are looking for entries that reflect all aspects of what it means to be a good neighbour; ranging from tackling anti-social behaviour and promoting community cohesion to simply looking out for the elderly or vulnerable.

Alicia Smith, Culture Company creative neighbourhoods manager, said: "It's a great opportunity to celebrate the importance of community life and highlight the rich creative spirit that exists within our neighbourhoods."

European Neighbours Day started in France in 1999 and now involves more than 7.5m people across 28 countries. This year's festivities take place across the continent on May 27.

Liverpool's own programme of events will include neighbourhood showcases of work created as part of the Four Corners projects, in which residents produce artwork celebrating their local community.

Last year this included the red door house project in the city centre.

There will also be a wider programme of activity hosted by Liverpool's Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).

To nominate someone for the Best Neighbour competition, people need to write a maximum of 200 words on why their neighbour deserves the award,

and send to: Liverpool's Best Neighbour Award, Liverpool Culture Company, Municipal Buildings, Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2DH.

The closing date for entries is April 21. Winners will be informed on May 2.

Male actors wanted

THE Perform L8 youth performance group is looking for two young male actors aged 14-18 to take part in its play to be performed at the Gladstone Theatre in Port Sunlight.

The show will be part of the Leverhulme Drama Festival.

Anyone interested should ring Su Burke on 0151-283 5260 for further details or e-mail tomm562002@yahoo.com

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