

TribeFM Teen Excellence Awards 2016

TribeFM Background

TribeFM is a youth radio station in Papua New Guinea providing informative, entertaining, and engaging programming that focuses on issues relevant to young people. TribeFM is a division of the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) of Papua New Guinea.

TribeFM has expanded significantly over the past year, originally established as a three-hour radio show broadcasting Saturday nights on NBC National Radio in 2008, to broadcasting 24-hours on its own frequency from August 2015. The station has scheduled programming from 6am to 12am, with more presenters and featuring diverse programming tailored for a young audience. TribeFM now also broadcasts to more locations around Papua New Guinea, increasing its coverage from Port Moresby to include nine provincial urban centres – Mt Hagen, Goroka, Vanimo, Lae, Alotau, Buka, Rabaul, Kimbe and Manus.

Along with the NBC, TribeFM is supported by the Media for Development Initiative (MDI), a project run in partnership between ABC International Development, Australian aid and NBC. MDI focuses on building, training, and strengthening the capacity of the NBC, supporting the production of content on the key areas of health, education, gender, and governance.

Tribe Teen Excellence Awards

TribeFM celebrated its first birthday in August 2016 by giving back to listeners through a teen-only awards program – the Tribe Teen Excellence Awards.



The Tribe Teen Excellence Awards recognise young people's personal achievements and the positive contributions they have made within their community. The awards celebrated the achievements of teenagers from across Papua New Guinea who showed personal growth, leadership and a commitment to their community. Award categories were in health and welfare, education, music and arts, community, disability, sport, and business and innovation. There were 91 nominations across Papua New Guinea, spread across the seven categories. Nominees had to be between the ages of 13 and 19 and could be nominated by anyone.

Inspirational stories of teenagers from across PNG were shared right across the country through TribeFM radio and online via their Facebook page, publicising the achievements of the young nominees, but also encouraging and inspiring other young people to be equally active and positive within their communities. The winners of the awards were publically and nationally recognised for their contributions and achievements through the NBC and TribeFM.

The Tribe Teen Excellence Awards ceremony was held on August 21, 2016 to coincide with an International Youth Day Festival in Port Moresby, and the first anniversary of TribeFM as an independent radio station.

Nominations



Education

There were **25** Education nominations received. There were **13** male nominees and **12** female nominees.



Music and Arts

There were **9** Music and Arts nominations received. There were **5** male nominees, **2** female nominees and **2** did not specify.



Health and Welfare

There were **8** Health and Welfare nominations received. All **8** nominees were male.



Sport

There were **28** Sport nominations received. There were **17** male nominees and **11** female nominees.



Community

There were **10** Community nominations received. There were **5** male nominees, **4** female nominees and **1** did not specify.



Disability

There were **6** Disability nominations received. There were **3** female nominees and **3** male nominees.



Business and Innovation

There was **1** Business and Innovation nomination received. The **1** nominee was female.

Nominees

Among the nominations received, there were many stories of inspiration and commitment. From the many notable nominees, there were several standouts in three categories – disability, education and sport. These nominees made a significant contribution to their community. Their stories are summarised below.



Disability

- 13-year-old Danelle Kipahii from Port Moresby was nominated by his mother, Catherine, in the Disability category, who said ‘Danelle has unconditional love and commitment towards his older disabled sister, and others’.

Danelle helps look after his sister, helping to feed her, teach her numbers and letters and ‘always protests and defends his sister when a person talks negatively about her disability.’ Danelle has also shown leadership at school, by helping a fellow student with a disability.

- Judges described the winner of the ‘Disability’ category, 18-year-old Grace Dindillo, as ‘a hero’, ‘an example to us all’ and ‘a champion’. Judge Chris Elphick said the story of Grace is one that proves young Papua New Guineans living with a disability can have a voice and be seen to

inspire others. Born with Down Syndrome, Grace has gone on to attend school, compete in the Special Olympic World Summer Games in Los Angeles in 2015 and travelled to Singapore to attend an Athlete Leadership Training program.



Education

- 19-year-old Tirine Mano from Lae was nominated by a local teacher Lyn Mimari, who said of Tirine: ‘in the middle of a community known for unemployment, youth unrest, petty crime, and low literacy rates, Tirine Mano has shone as a star for the youths and school-aged children.’

The student, whose motto is ‘education is the key to a better future’, has been running an after-school helping centre, run at the back of a hut, with no power supply, in a settlement in Lae’s outskirts.



Sport

- 17-year-old Sichyna Maminti was the runner-up of the ‘Sports’ category, judges were impressed by her ability to quickly pick up the sport of cricket and increase her confidence and take on leadership roles at school, as a result of her participation in [PNG’s Girls Empowerment through Cricket Program](#)





Judging

Five judges were selected for the Tribe Teen Excellence Awards. The judges were selected because they were also young and actively engaged in local community activities. The final judging panel consisted of three females and two males. The judges were:

- Dr Poyap Rooney – Leading General Practitioner
- Diane Kambanei – Executive Director, Young Women’s Christian Association PNG & Presenter of Extra, NBC TV
- Chris Elphick – Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce (Junior Chamber)
- Barbra Thomas, Executive Director, The Voice PNG
- Antonnia Singut, NBC Newsreader

