Foster Carer of the Year Awards 2017

The ceremony took place on Saturday 13 May at the Hilton Hotel, Belfast and awards were presented to a number of outstanding foster carers, including lifetime achievement awards to two other inspirational foster carer couples. The evening also celebrated the fantastic work all Northern Ireland foster and kinship foster carers do each day to transform the lives of children.

If you think you might have the skills and qualities to foster, find your local fostering service by visiting www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net.

William and Valerie Newell
Foster Carers of the Year

Marlene Feeney
Kinship Foster Carer of the Year

I-r: Mark Walker, Hilton, Foster Carers of the Year William and Valerie Newell and Kathleen Toner, The Fostering Network

I-r: Kevin Williams, The Fostering Network, Kinship Foster Carer of the Year Marlene Feeney, Pat Armstrong, Western Trust, Tom Cassidy, Western Trust, Una Carragher, Regional Adoption and Fostering Service
William and Valerie Newell Foster Carers of the Year

Orla and Pat Devlin Foster Carers of Distinction

Gerard and Marion Lennon Lifetime Achievement Award

Bridie and Patrick Bertenshaw Foster Carers of Distinction
Billy and Kate Laverty
Foster Carers of Distinction

I-r: Una Carragher, RAFS, Foster Carers of Distinction Billy and Kate Laverty and Kathleen Toner The Fostering Network

Rita and Robbie Cranston
Foster Carers of Distinction

I-r: Kathleen Toner, Foster Carers of Distinction Rita and Robbie Cranston and Una Carragher, RAFS
Lisa Duffy
Foster Carer of Distinction

I-r: Kathleen Toner, The Fostering Network, Foster Carer of Distinction
Lisa Duffy, Una Carragher RAFS

Sharon Duffy and Alex Meikle
Foster Carers of Distinction

I-r: Kathleen Toner, The Fostering Network, Foster Carers of Distinction Sharon Duffy and Alex Meikle, Una Carragher, RAFS
William McBride
Foster Carer of Distinction

Maureen Walker
Foster Carer of Distinction