On Monday 25 November 2013, volunteers from across the capital joined the Mayor of London at City Hall for the 2013 Team London Awards.

The 2013 Mayor’s Special Achievement award acknowledges the journey of volunteers who began their volunteering during the 2012 Games and have continued to volunteer, making a significant impact in their community, overcoming barriers or have given exceptional commitment to one of the Mayoral priority areas.

The Epic Awards were set up in 2010 by Voluntary Arts, an organisation that works across the UK and Republic of Ireland to promote, support and champion the voluntary cultural sector.

They celebrate the achievement of voluntary arts groups across the UK and Republic of Ireland, by recognising the skill, innovation and hard work that goes into their activities.
We repeated our marshalling role in the Closing Ceremony in which double gold medallist Mo Farah acquired one of our light bulb blue bowler hats!

We were allowed to keep our three sets of costumes and our drums. Since then many of us kept in touch via social media and chose to continue to drum together at every opportunity.

We are indebted to several inspirational people for creating a life-affirming and positive atmosphere during the Games and giving us enduring opportunities and friendships:

- **DANNY BOYLE** for his vision and belief in the power of ‘ordinary’ people
- **RICK SMITH** from Underworld for composing such extraordinary music and sharing his love with us
- **MIKE DOLBEAR** for passionately and patiently moulding us into a drumming team where we are all leaders
- **STEVE BOYD** for motivating us and drilling us with constant good humour to be adaptable to all situations
- **TASH KHAMJIANI** for joyously teaching us to bust some funky moves

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- The Shuffle Film Festival
- The London Marathon supporting Barnardo’s
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