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Lecturer wins award for helping community

A Fife College lecturer has received a national award for her amazing efforts in the community during the coronavirus pandemic.

Lorraine Wilkinson was recognised for going above and beyond to help her community throughout the pandemic, picking up the Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community Award at The Herald Higher Education Awards in Glasgow on Tuesday, May 31.

A full-time lecturer at the college for over 14 years, Lorraine made a huge difference to those in her community, volunteering with the Kirkcaldy Foodbank during lockdown from the town's Linton Lane Centre where she was also chairman of the board at the time.

Lorraine personally made over 5000 meals for those needing support throughout lockdown by supporting Linton Lane Centre and the foodbank with a variety of meals and baked goods.

Lorraine said: "I was brought up on the John Wesley philosophy of, 'Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.'

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Lorraine Wilkinson with the award she received

Lecturer recognised for going 'above and beyond'

Kevin McRoberts

Fife College lecturer Lorraine Wilkinson has received a national award for her amazing efforts in the community during the coronavirus pandemic.

Lorraine, a community lecturer delivering on the Step In and Step-Up programmes in Leven and Springboard programme in Kirkcaldy, was recognised for going above and beyond to help her community during the pandemic, picking up the Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community Award at The Herald Higher Education Awards in Glasgow.

A full-time lecturer at the college for over 14 years, Lorraine volunteered with the Kirkcaldy Foodbank during lockdown from the town's Linton Lane Centre.

On an average day, the Centre supports up to 34 families and Lorraine was on hand to lend a listening ear to those who were struggling mentally and physically with the impacts of the pandemic.

She was also integral to a project which saw the centre support 90 children from a local primary school and their families with packs, which included frozen meals, along with tins, fresh food, activities, and toys, distributed within the community.

Lorraine personally made over 5,000 meals for those needing support throughout lockdown. This included providing endless pots of soup, various main courses, and scones and helping the Linton Lane manager guide the centre through some of the toughest days in its history.

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Geoffrey Proudlock, Director for Faculty of Business, Enterprise and Tourism with Supported Programmes at Fife College, said: "We are so proud of Lorraine. She is someone who goes above and beyond every day."

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Lorraine Wilkinson receives her Outstanding Contribution award at The Herald Higher Education Awards.