

Children Looked After Celebration of Achievements Award Ceremony

On Wednesday 19th February 2014, the Children Looked After Celebration of Achievements Award Ceremony was held.

The event took place at the Harrow Art Centre between 2pm and 6pm with approximately 70 children and young people attending. The ceremony was hosted by Adrien Jude and Fernando, who did a fantastic job of keeping the guests entertained.

The atmosphere of the event was relaxed and lively; towards the end of the evening the stage was filled with children, young people, professionals and Managers enjoying a dance to various songs. Everyone joined in and engaged well with the music.



Full shot of the venue during a performance.

Melissa Caslake, Divisional Director – Targeted Services opened the ceremony with some inspirational words. The Worshipful The Mayor of Harrow, Councillor Nana Asante was also invited on stage to speak.

Melissa Caslake and Madame Mayor Councillor Nana Asante presented awards to children and young people in the following categories:

- § Academic effort and Achievement
- § Music
- § Sporting Achievement
- § Exceptional Effort

The event was well received by the children and young people from Harrow who connected well with everyone, two young people came on stage and performed, one sang and played the electric guitar and the other young person sang with a friend, both the performances were excellent and enjoyed by all.

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A Big Thank You to DJ - Kevin Muyulu who asked all the children and young to come on stage to participate in a “dance off”. In a mock X Factor style children and young people were eliminated until the winner and runner up were revealed. The runner up and winner both received £15 vouchers each for their excellent performance.

Tea was provided by Daisy’s which included a selection of sandwiches, meats and crisps with an assortment of mouth watering cakes.

In the second segment of the ceremony, Councillor Janet Mote, Children and Schools Portfolio Holder and Councillor Christine Bednell Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel presented awards to children and young people in the following categories:

- § Attitude and Behaviour
- § School Attendance
- § University Attendance and Graduation
- § Other Achievements

Councillor Janet Mote closed the ceremony thanking Children and Families Service for arranging and planning the Celebration of Achievements Awards.

Finally, Young Soul and Young K were invited on stage to perform 3 of their famous songs. Young Soul and Young K rappers from Harrow also went around the venue introducing themselves to everyone and took pictures with their fans, delighting all the guests.



Councillor Janet Mote, Children and Schools Portfolio Holder closed the ceremony with an inspiring speech.

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Children and young people had an opportunity to use the 'Wacky Booth' to take pictures with their families and friends.

An album of pictures and messages from the young people who used the Wacky Booth is available.

As some children and young people were unable to attend the Celebration of Achievements Awards, their Certificate and £15 voucher will be given to their Social Workers to pass on to the child/young person.

Finally Thank You to all the staff and Social Workers who supported and assisted with the preparation and running of the event.

For any more details on the Celebration of Achievements Awards please contact Zabeen Jamadar on the above email address.



A view of the venue before the Ceremony started