

### **CLA Awards Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

The CLA awards event was held at the Harrow Arts Centre from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

All Children looked after in Harrow were invited to attend as well as carers, professionals and the Mayor of Harrow.

We had 75 Children and Young People attend the awards including leaving Care and Unaccompanied and Asylum seeker young people.

Many social workers and foster carers attended. The Mayor of Harrow was also in attendance alongside a number of Councillors and the Corporate Director of Children and Young Peoples Services.

The virtual head teacher and some teachers also attended

We had five of our looked after children take part in hosting and showcasing their talents including singing and playing the guitar

Awards were given out by social workers who nominated young people in the following categories

Academic Effort and Achievement

Music and Sports

Outstanding Achievement including Volunteering

University attendance and Graduation

Exceptional Effort

Pathway to Progression

Attitude and Behaviour

We also had a whacky booth and face painting for younger children.

We had a lunch buffet catered by Daisy in the Park

A compilation montage of the event and photo are to follow

Feedback forms will also be sent out for feedback and views on the event to aid in preparation for next year's celebrations

The initial feedback has been very positive that the young people enjoyed the event and appreciated the awards. There was a positive sense of achievement and partnership working

Feedback for future sessions were that more should be available for younger children as the event seemed more focused on teenagers. There were also suggestions that there should be more clarity regarding the category of awards and more information for what these were for.

There will be further discussions with the Beyond Limits group to plan future events