

Adiaha Antigha Community Achievement Award 2020 winners

The individual or organisation doing the best outreach work to engage new people

Winner:

Sadie Alleyne, Shoreditch Trust > Everyone at Shoreditch Trust working with us have been amazing in their outlook, flexibility and willingness - Laura, Maria, Teresa and Sadie but I am nominating Sadie for her work on the Community Connectors program as she has jumped at every opportunity to connect with our over 55s, she comes door knocking, attends coffee mornings, staff meetings and wellbeing days and we get great feedback from residents about her but more importantly many are attending outside activities because of her thoughtful encouragement.

The individual or organisation doing the best work to challenge discrimination

Winner:

Parity project, ELBA > Launched at the end of 2017, the Parity project connects young Black men aged 18-30 and living in London to sustainable and well-paid employment in the corporate sector. This has included up skilling members within the communities by inviting members to insight days Young Black men are disproportionately unemployed or overrepresented in low-paid jobs or ad-hoc work that doesn't offer career progression. The project challenges discrimination by working directly with employers in the corporate sector to promote responsible recruitment and retention practices, diversify talent pipelines, strengthen internal BAME networks, and support senior leaders in understanding some of the issues that affect young Black men in London today via meaningful discussions and impactful mentoring programmes. Since project conception, the initiative has engaged 300 young men from across east London and beyond. Over half are now in employment.

The individual or organisation doing the best work bringing communities together and working across different communities in Hackney

Winner:

Faisal Pirbhai, Apex Learning Hub > Apex Learning Hub has been delivering community-based alternative & supplementary educational provision for young people in Hackney since 2016. They work closely with parent and carers to improve both attainment & expectation levels of

over 120 young people in Hackney each weekend. Mentoring, coaching and leadership are all ingrained within the provision that they provide. More recently, they launched their ambitious 'Community Partnership' with Daubeney Primary School in September 2019, which focuses on young people specifically from the school, to ensure the best possible chances of achieving positive outcomes, particularly during the time of SATS.

Apex is regarded as a safe, trusted and open organisation by parent & carers ensuring that young people can work in an environment that is mutually respectful and supportive; whilst fully understanding the challenges that young people face. The Apex programme allows for bespoke support and plans which are devised in partnership with parent/carers and the school, to ensure maximum opportunities for success. A key facet of their project is to raise the expectation levels of young people in themselves; recognising that perceived inequality and low-level perception of them needs to be overcome to develop them into inspirational and capable young people. More holistically, Apex works closely with a number of partners within the local community to ensure joined up working and to best utilise the limited resources available for the benefit of young people. Apex has successfully been able to support families and young people with the transition from primary to secondary school, secondary school to sixth form and also into employment and training, post 16.

The individual or organisation doing the best work to empower disabled people

Winner

Laura Prikken, Shoreditch Trust > Laura dedicates her life to helping people disabled by of the effects of stroke, supporting people as they adapt to their new circumstances, grieve for abilities they have lost and recover hope and recognition that a new life is possible. Her work includes one to one care, classes to help people learn to speak and walk again, and graded exercise. She also supports people engaging in struggles with benefits applications and transport problems, enabling people to lead an independent and dignified life. She also supports survivors of stroke to engage in volunteering - from making practical arrangements so people can lead social and activity groups for other stroke survivors, to engaging in preventative stroke education.

Laura truly believes in recovery after stroke and the abilities of disabled people. She now leads a team of workers who embody that ethos. She has worked for the Stroke Project for 14 years, keeping the group together through multiple commissions and host organisations (the project moved to Shoreditch Trust in 2018), and always keeping the continuity of care for the people she supports at the heart of the service. I would love to reward her dedication to disabled people's wellbeing and with this award.