

BRADFORD YOT STAFF AND PARTNERS WIN THREE AWARDS



“Everyone connected with Bradford YOT is proud and delighted by these awards. They are recognition of the hard work, enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment demonstrated by Odelle, Debs and the team at The Academy. They are all very deserving winners.”

Paul O'Hara, YOT Manager



Paul O'Hara with Award Winners Odelle Bates, Deborah Leyland and Diane Depass and Kathryn Brant representing The Academy

ODELLE BATES Volunteer of the year

Odelle has only been volunteering with the YOT for 12-months but has made a huge impact in that time. Her dedication and commitment to the young people she works with has earned their respect and that of her colleagues. Odelle finds voluntary work very rewarding and challenging in a positive way and enjoys being part of the team. Perhaps the best evidence of her impact is feedback from a young person - “I give in very easy and that's why I gave up on school but Odelle would not let me and her words of encouragement and strength kept me going.”



DEBORAH LEYLAND Outstanding contribution to engaging local communities

Debs has been central to the success of the Queensbury Project, which works with young people at risk of exclusion from Queensbury School. She works with them both in and out of school addressing behavioural issues and helping them on an individual basis. Dr. David Robinson MBE from the school said, “The impact and influence Debs has had on the lives of our young people has been enormous.”

THE ACADEMY Outstanding contribution to tackling youth crime (young people under the age of 18)

The Academy goes from strength to strength with its pioneering approach to engaging young people through the medium of dance. These awards recognise the contributions made by all the staff involved in the delivery of this constantly evolving and successful project.

