

Bradford YOT and Partners won **FOUR AWARDS** at the first Just Creativity Yorkshire Arts Awards held in Leeds on 1 October 2007.

'Just Creativity' is the first Yorkshire and Humberside Arts awards sponsored by the Arts Council England Yorkshire, Youth Justice Board and YOTs in Yorkshire and Humber.

AWARD 1

Darryl Coates from the Bradford Academy dance project won an award for outstanding achievement on an arts project by a young person.

AWARD 2

Nathan Coleman from the Dance Academy was selected as the overall winner of this section beating stiff competition from entries across the region. Nathan won the award for his outstanding progress and achievements at the Academy.

Both boys' performances were showcased at the event by DVDs of their recent work and performances.

AWARD 3

'My Bradford' a partnership between Kala Sangam and Bradford YOT won the Team Award for the most outstanding project in the Community and educational settings.

Work of the project was shown where young people on the project had used a variety of art forms to describe their experiences and hopes for Bradford.

Paul O'Hara, YOT Manager accepted the awards with Andrew Coggins, Executive Producer of Dance United (below, top right) and Emma Melling of Kala Sangam (below, bottom right). Andrew outlined how pleased they were that they decided to locate the project in Bradford and how together working with an ever expanding group of partners the project had overcome challenges. It was now building a firm footing for the future. **At the event young people from The Academy performed a new dance piece which had the audience captivated by its power and the focus of the performers.**

AWARD 4

Bradford's 'Dance Academy' won the award for excellence and innovation in arts work with young people at risk.



This event was part of the continuing joint working between the Arts Council and Youth Justice Board. The award was developed to promote and celebrate the best practice in art-led work with young people at risk of offending in Yorkshire and Humberside.