

Young People Make a Positive Contribution

Showcase Event 3 - Alhambra Studio, November 13th 2006



The event logo and posters were designed by young people at Justart in Shipley.



SHOWCASE III · ANOTHER TRIUMPH

The Showcase III featured young people performing their talents at the Alhambra theatre. The young people are working with a range of arts and sport based projects across the Bradford District. The showcase was sponsored by the Bradford Youth Offending team and a range of projects that contributed to the successful event. Many of the young people taking part were not offenders but were excited at the opportunity to show off their talents.

Distinguished guests in the audience included Professor Rod Morgan, Chairman of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, Sir Christopher Frayling, Chairman of the Arts Council, and Anne Mace, Chair of Nacro.

The evening was closed by the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress Councillor John D Godward and Mrs Jean Godward, who praised all the young people taking part and wished that more adults across Bradford had seen the enthusiasm, passion and talent on display from the city's young people - sentiments echoed by the audience.

"Once again our 'Showcase' event has proved a terrific success. It proves what those of us working with young people every day know to be true - they have tremendous potential, only requiring opportunities and encouragement to see it fulfilled. We have seen new work from young people with real talent supported by committed staff and volunteers from a variety of partners across the Bradford District. Again, my thanks go to all the young people who took part in the event and to everyone who continues to support to the work of the Bradford YOT."

Paul O'Hara
Bradford YOT Manager

"I am writing to congratulate you and all the staff for such a wonderful evening at the Alhambra. Of course the real credit rests with the young people themselves but none of it could have taken place without the imagination and commitment of yourself and the team. The high reputation of the Bradford YOT is well and truly confirmed both nationally and locally. Many congratulations – it really was a landmark occasion!"

Kath Tunstall
Social Services Director, Bradford MDC



The evening was a mixture of music, dance, poetry, rap and DVD. The show opened with two songs by young people from the JG Music Room (above).

There was a powerful Performance Poetry piece, "Broken Glass" by Rachel Sellars from **Kala Sangam** (right). Young people from **PRISM** spoke about their ambitions against a series of presentations they had created. The **National Museum of Film, Photography and Television** presented a brief film about the "YOT Olympics", an event which involved over 100 young people.

Positive Futures, Holmewood performed "Mixed Up", a vibrant and energetic dance. **Joint Activities Service (JAS)** filled the stage with a series of mini - dramas "Before and After" which showed how a young person's confidence can be boosted. **The Academy** performed "Ubuntu", a powerful piece about community spirit, resolutions and coming together of body and minds. A monologue by Bazeet Arewosaye from **YMCA/TISSP** was a very personal account of how he is dealing with the challenges in his life.

The final contribution was an impressive dance routine "In My i-Pod" from 2nd Stance Youth Dance Company, part of **Dance for Life**. For more information and contact details for all the projects - go to the Bradford YOT website or call on 01274 436060.



And finally, many thanks to all technical staff and volunteers who made the event run so smoothly.