

Volunteer Awards

The Midland Hotel, Bradford - 1 June 2009

Bradford YOT with our partner Nacro engages the support of the public through volunteers in a wide range of work with young offenders. These include:

- Positive Role Models for young offenders.
- Referral Order Panel members who run 1,000 panel meetings a year and negotiate with young offenders, parents/carers and victims how they are going to stop offending and make amends for their actions.
- Appropriate Adults, who attend Police Stations (when parents are unavailable) to ensure that young people understand the issues they are being questioned.

The YOT recognises the valuable public service and commitment of its volunteers through its bi-annual award ceremony. This year over 50 volunteers and their families' contribution was recognised, and their contribution to making Bradford a safer place for everyone was celebrated.

The Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Naveeda Ikram presented certificates to the volunteers and two special awards were presented by the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, Jeremy Burton DL.



The Arthur Goff Award

Outstanding Bradford Volunteer Award

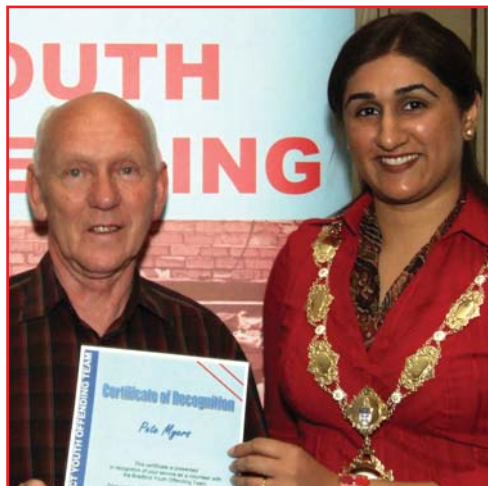
This new award was established to honour the memory of the outstanding contribution made by Arthur Goff (who passed away in August 2008). The inaugural award was presented by his wife Mrs Goff and the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire to Carol Grice for her contribution and commitment to young people.





Bradford YOT is proud to introduce a special award for the ex-volunteer who has overcome significant challenges to progress their career or life.

This award was also presented by the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, Jeremy Burton DL to Tanya Burke (above) who as a single parent with no formal education qualification built her confidence and skills as a Nacro volunteer in the YOT and has just successfully completed her training as a qualified social worker.



"I am very proud of the hard work of all the volunteers who contribute so much to the continued success of Bradford Youth Offending Team. It was a pleasure to see so many volunteers and their families and friends at the event to celebrate their achievements. Every single certificate was well deserved. I was particularly pleased to welcome Mrs Goff to present the first annual Arthur Goff Award which not only recognises the wonderful contribution her late husband made to the work of the YOT but will also recognise a special contribution made by another volunteer each year. I am sure this will become a highly prestigious award amongst the tremendous group of volunteers we are lucky enough to have at Bradford YOT. And finally I'd like to thank Anne Grange for her sterling work as the Nacro Volunteer Co-ordinator."

Paul O'Hara, Bradford YOT Manager