

Artwork created by young people on Bradford YOT's ISSP with Kala Sangam have won several awards in this year's national Koestler Awards.

- **Bradford YOT Showcase 5 poster won under 18's Special Awards**
- **YOT Hip Hop Rap Grime - a knife crime rap won a Platinum Award**
- **Knockout - with Nacro and Inspiration Gallery won under 18's Special Award**
- **Bradford YOT with Justart based at Kirkgate Studio won a Commended Award**

This is the Koestler Trust's 49th annual exhibition of art by offenders, with exhibits chosen from the 5,619 entries from secure establishments across the UK, as well as probation and youth offending services and British prisoners abroad.

Speaking at the launch of the exhibition, Crispin Blunt, the minister responsible for prisons, said:

*'There are two sides to the rehabilitation of offenders: changing the behaviour of offenders so that they lead law-abiding lives, and helping society accept ex-offenders back into employment, housing, family life, and communities – the opportunities that can help people turn their lives around for good.'*

*'The work of the Koestler Trust contributes to both – motivating offenders to learn new skills and apply self-discipline, and showing the public that offenders have ordinary human experiences and challenges to overcome, as well as talent and potential.'*

"I'm delighted that the positive, creative work done by young people supervised the Bradford Youth Offending Team with Kala Sangam and the Justart project have received this recognition. Raising the aspiration of young people is a major focus of the YOT and these awards are great examples of the high standard of their work."

### **Kath Tunstall**

Strategic Director for Children's Services, Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Chair of the Bradford and District Youth Justice Board



George the Duck is featuring at the exhibition at The South Bank Centre in London



**Knockout** impressionsgallery

Impressions Gallery invite you and a guest to the exhibition opening of **Knockout**, an exhibition produced by a group of young people from Bradford. This exhibition is brought to you in partnership with Kala Sangam, Bradford Youth Offending Team and Nacro.

**Tuesday 10 March 2009 3.30pm to 5.30pm**  
Speeches and performances will begin at 4pm  
Exhibition continues until 3 April 2009

Join us for drinks and treats

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Impressions Gallery is funded by Arts Council England and Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

George the Duck was made by young people from the YOT and Titus Salt school for the children's art trail at Saltaire Festival in 2009. The 4 foot high sculpture is based on the classic fairground 'Hook a Duck' form. During the festival George was featured being hooked from the Leeds Liverpool canal from the Dream Weavers canal boat and attracted a lot of attention!

**SHOWCASE FIVE**

AN EVENT SHOWCASING YOUNG PEOPLES' ACHIEVEMENTS, AT THE **ALHAMBRA STUDIO THEATRE**  
**Monday 9th Nov 2009**  
**6pm — 8pm**

BRADFORD & DISTRICT YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM AND PARTNERS

DESIGNED BY TASADDOU HUSSAIN, DANNY HIGGINSON AND SAM GREENWOOD ON THE KALA SANGAM ARTS PROGRAMME