

**A CELEBRATION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN KEIGHLEY POSITIVE FUTURES  
Keighley College, Wednesday, 8th March, 2006**

The aim of the evening was to celebrate the achievements of young people who are participating in Positive Futures in Keighley. It was also an opportunity for families and partner agencies to see the range of activities that are undertaken.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Graham Mitchell, gave out the certificates. Alan Jones, who is the National Co-ordinator for Positive Futures was present at the event and gave closing comments.

He expressed admiration for the young people who gave live performances and he praised the commitment of all the young people who have taken part in the project.

The evening was a mixture of live performances, DVD's, displays and the receipt of certificates by the young people.

About 40 young people attended with their families and friends and they all received at least one certificate.

The awards included Snowboarding, Go Kart Licence, Youth Train modules, ASDAN credits, Motor Education project and regular attendance.



The excellent work from the graffiti project was proudly displayed around the room.



The whole group posed for the Keighley News photographer!

“The young people who participate in the excellent Positive Futures programmes have benefited greatly from the opportunities presented to them. It helps to develop their attitudes and behaviours, and encourages them to expand their own horizons and increases their self-esteem. The education elements of the programme enables them to learn through experience and develop a new range of skills. The YOT fully supports Positive Futures as we believe it offers opportunities for personal achievement and participation in activities that may not otherwise be available to them.”

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The five key Positive Futures projects which were highlighted through the event were:

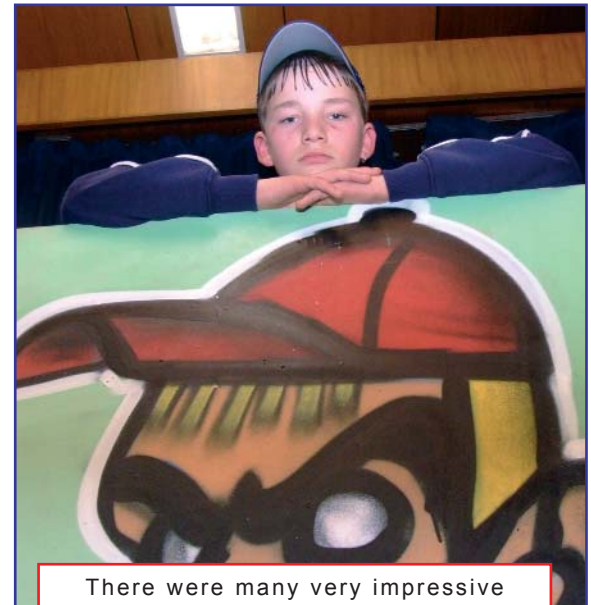
- The performance by the Achievement Initiative group.
- The Wednesday Dance Group, JCB, who put together their performance in just 6 weeks.
- The residential in February which brought together young males and females from white and Asian communities in Keighley.
- The DVD making project that 4 young people worked on over a number of weeks, to produce their own DVD looking at some of the activities they have been involved in.
- The graffiti work, expressing drug awareness messages through art.



Every young person received a certificate from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Graham Mitchell



JCB - the Wednesday Dance Group gave an energetic and professional performance.

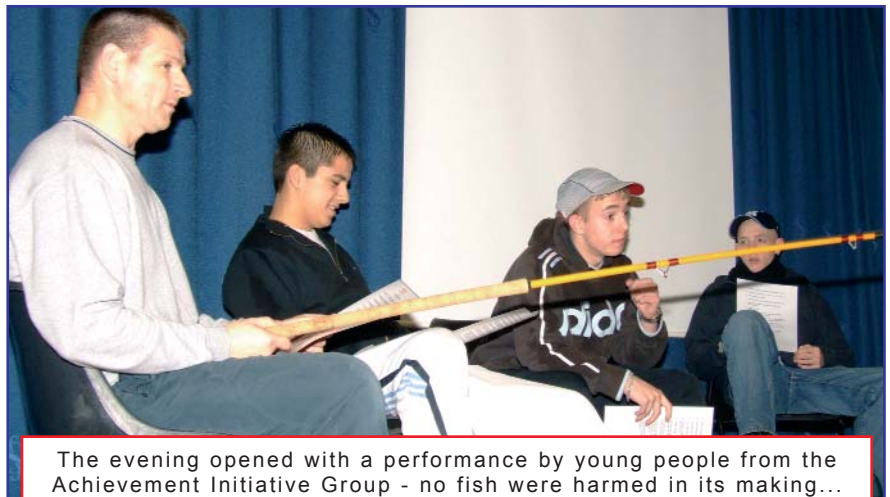


There were many very impressive pieces of art on display.

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The evening opened with a performance by young people from the Achievement Initiative Group - no fish were harmed in its making...