

What's the Youth Action Team been up to?

Well, as you know from the front of the newsletter, the YAT's hard work in planning and organising this year's v awards paid off, as the night was a great success. Over a hundred young people came along to receive their certificates and enjoyed a night filled with music, dance and Marilyn Monroe!



We'd just like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped out on the night, including KOF for his excellent music session, Performance Studios for their film related routines, and of course our very own Youth Action Team - well done!!

So, if you'd like to join the YAT and get involved in organising next year's awards or even have a great idea for a theme, come along to our next YAT meeting on Wednesday 28th April - email me at f.villanova@knowsleycvs.org for more details.

Latest Opportunities

WHO	WHAT	WHEN
Knowsley MBC Rangers	Can you spare a few hours to help out at this local event? The Rangers team are looking for support with stewarding at St George's Family Fun Day - directing people to what's going on, helping steward car parking etc. The event includes a dog show, circus skills, hawk display, face painting and information stalls.	One off Sun 25th April 10am - 4.30pm or do half a day McGoldrick Park, Huyton
Bradbury Fields	Help out for a couple of hours at a bag pack to raise funds for local blind people. This is a great way to meet new people whilst making a real difference. No experience needed - just the ability to pack bags!! Do morning or afternoon.	One off Sun 9 May 2010 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm Tesco Old Swan
KMBC Sports Development	Can you spare a couple of hours to support this local event, which raises money for charity? We need volunteers (you could bring a friend!) to support staff with general roles, e.g. giving people directions, car parking etc. Volunteers are needed from 8am - 4pm, you could do a full day or half a day.	One off Thur 13 May 8am - 4pm (do all or half day) Rainhill
Barnardo's	Help change the lives of children throughout the UK by supporting the Big Toddle fundraising event. Supported by the Fundraising and Big Toddle team, you would work with local groups or networks to organise your own local Big Toddle, or take part in one of their organised events on 6 July.	Part time Flexible Hours Working from home

Don't forget to let us know what your area of interest is so that we can send you the right newsletter. Text or email me your name and the name of the newsletter you would like to receive from the list below:

- Admin & IT
- Animals
- Arts & Media
- Education
- Business, Finance & Marketing
- Conservation & Practical Work
- Fundraising & Events
- General & Helping
- Health & Social Care
- Retail & Charity Shops
- Sports
- Youth & Children's Work

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The v Oscars 2010!

After months of preparation, planning and organising the Oscars finally made it to Knowsley!

On 3rd March 2010, vinvolved Knowsley's 2nd annual award ceremony took place at the Huyton Suite. It was a night filled with celebration, dance and musical entertainment, organised with help from our very own Youth Action Team.

The YAT helped out in all different ways, from initial planning, marketing, admin, to decorating the venue and even getting up there and presenting on the night! They did a fantastic job, the awards were a big success and a really great way to celebrate the achievements of the young volunteers in Knowsley.

The Oscar-style awards ceremony was put on to say a big thank you to all the young people out there who give their time for free helping out with good causes in the community. The young volunteers who attended the awards have, during the past year, given over 12,000 hours of their time volunteering, which is equivalent to over £60,000now that's amazing!!!

At the awards, a Marilyn Monroe lookalike presented the certificates to the young volunteers, who all had a chance to have their photograph taken with the 'icon'. There were also special awards given to six young people who were

nominated for Volunteer of the Year by the organisations they volunteer for.

The award winners, pictured inside, were **Matthew Bannon** who volunteers at Aintree Hospital, **Matthew Marshall** who helps out at KCC Live radio station, **Gemma Veidman** and **Nicola Brown** who were part of the vTalent Year and helped out at Knowsley Council, **Christopher Williams** from the Make A Difference youth group and **Laura McCarthy**, who volunteers at Performance Studios.

Nicola Brown, who is 19, volunteers in children's centres in North Huyton says "(volunteering) has helped me gain new skills, really increased my confidence and I feel I now have a good chance of a career in the profession I love".

Entertainment at the ceremony was provided by the Kirkby-based Performance Studios and local urban artist KOF (pictured right).

KCC Live FM station, which is largely run by volunteers, provided technical support and music on the night.



Performance Studios



All photographs were taken by James Andrews
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If you are already volunteering and would like to attend next year's awards or have any great ideas for next year's theme and help plan the event - we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Fiona at f.villanova@knowsleycvs.org



3rd Huyton Guide Leaders



Huntington's Disease Association



Aintree Hospital



KCC Live!



Air Cadets Huyton



Knowsley Police Cadets



Kidz Klub



M.A.D. Youth Group



Huyton Sea Cadets



Big Deal Grants Scheme



vTalent Year



Performance Studios



Knowsley Youth Action Team



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v Volunteer of the Year 2010 winners



Matthew Bannon



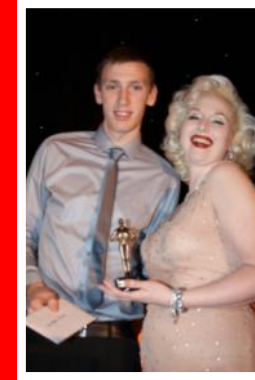
Matthew Marshall



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