

# Newham Youth

*Spotlight*



## Unsung Newham Youth Celebrated!

Newham's Deputy Civic Ambassador Councilor Joy Laguda presented deserving Newham youngsters with certificates and prizes at the BTWSC Newham Youth Spotlight (NYS) ceremony at Durning Hall Community Centre, Forest Gate on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January. She congratulated the participants and encouraged them to keep aiming high.

The project, funded by London East Connexions, recognised unsung 13-19 year olds from black and Asian backgrounds who had raised the community's flag through achievement, community work, spending quality time caring for disabled family members or making positive choices to turn away from challenging behaviour.

"Let's be positive about the huge resource of talent which young children in general, including black youth represent," said community activist and journalist Marc Wadsworth, who chaired the ceremony. "Let's remember that black youth demonstrate daily huge skills in in-

formation technology as well as music and sports"



Ilford resident Chief Inspector Leroy Logan gave words of encouragement. He shared his experiences and his reasons for joining the Metropolitan Police. He noted: "We need to make choices, followed up by sustainable action with support first from the home and then from initiatives like the BTWSC which help the youth to keep focused."

Winners included students from Langdon School, Cumberland School, Forest Gate Community School, Plashet School, Rokeby School, and Newham Young Carers.

Members of London rap group 57<sup>th</sup> Dynasty entertained the audience, and reinforced the importance of being positive and keeping away from negativity.

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