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BTWSC is a voluntary organisation engaged in developing human potential through the use of the creative arts. It facilitates projects for both the youth and adults.

The BTWSC Newham Youth Spotlight project was funded by London East Connections Partnership in a follow up to Black History Month. The aim was to identify and celebrate young 13-19 year olds from the borough's black and ethnic minority backgrounds who deserved recognition for raising the flag in their communities through achievement, exemplary behaviour, or community work.

A planning group, made up of youth and adult facilitators, helped draw up the guidelines. BTWSC received nominations from schools, community organisations, and young people.

Our seventy nominations were received, and they were all acknowledged at the recognition ceremony. Twenty-one individuals and Pliatoh School Steel Band were the winners. They received certificates and prizes, which included 50p Dynasty's "Break Rew" single, a Parker pen, Dr. Ben Carson's book "Think Big", and the BTWSC book "Beyond The Wall South Challenge", which was officially launched at the end of the recognition ceremony by Councillor Joy Laguda.

The Spotlight was meant to be a one-off event. However, many people, including teachers and parents, have suggested it become an annual event. BTWSC will investigate the feasibility of this request. Indeed, highlighting the positive attributes and achievement of the youth deserve to be more than an annual affair. To this end, BTWSC has set aside space on its website to continue the Spotlight concept.

The Nominees

Abisola Adedija
Adjoa Adusevum
Amber Ahmed
Aweebawee Shaikab-wooddeen
Anthony Karuki
Amia Ulanvathathan
Ashley Francis
Ayisha Khanam
Ayisha Saheed
Sob Habtebe
Caroline
Anjolin
Charis
Jones
Liamon
Korjomo
Chanelle
Millington
Christine
Natey
Cynthia Bote
Cynthia Okeja
Dominique Gerraghty
Usman Hattok
Eisa Lopez
Fozia Ali
George Brown
Halima Begum
Hannan Berikwotih-Borge
Hatefa Begum
Hina Zafar
Huma Shakir
Humaira Hussain
Huskan Ahmed
J.P. Dhirandja
Jayachwebe
Jemahie
Wakiko
Jothika
Loogandran
Lianola Wagstaff
Liliane Cabzane
Santos
Louise Longa
Luoy Daramola
Luoy Francis
Mariam Mcoograt

Maryam Mbak
Melissa Oymah
Miriam Bonabana
Mubash Ashad
Nabzin Khan
Natalia Peruse King
Nabasha Peruse King
Pamela Marajugo
Pedro Daniel
Myja
Sammam
Guadra Ad-
Foyami
Ranjit
Linhua
Randeep
Bilkuu
Sabbu
Mirza
Samson



Adepoju
Samuel Ajib
Sanna Nabi
Santhi Samsthal
Seyeeda Hossain
Shabana Khan
Shabiba Jahan
Sheena Yarzani
Shikwanee
Thermlin-
gam
Sophia
Finlayson
Sophie Ta-
kubu
Samaiza Aalam
Sumera Saleem
Taysha Francis
Ugma Basibye
Ulra Pachair
Victor Uta Sika
Zeinab Mzoudi



Pliatoh School Steel Band

The Shortlist

Amber Ahmed
Anthony Karuki
Ashley Francis
Ayisha Khanam
Bob Fodebe
Caroline Anjolin
Liamon Jones
Cynthia Bote
Cynthia Okeja
Dominique Gerraghty
J.P. Dhirandja
George Brown
Halima Begum
Hannan
Berikwotih-Borge
Hatefa Begum
Huma Shakir
Huskan Ahmed
J.P. Dhirandja
Jemahie Wakiko
Liliane Cabzane

Santos
Louise Longa
Luoy Daramola



Pedro
Daniel
Odeyemi
Randeep
Bilkuu
Samuel
Ajib
Sophia
Finlay-
son
Sophie



Yakubu
Sumera Saleem

Pliatoh School Steel
Band

The Winners

Amber Ahmed
Anthony Karuki



Ashley Francis
Caroline Anjolin
Christie Jones
Cynthia Bote
Cynthia Okeja
Dominique Gerraghty
Fozia Ali



George Brown
Halima Begum
Hannan Berikwotih-
Borge
Huskan Ahmed
Louise Longa
Melissa Oymah
Pedro Daniel
Guadra Adeyemi



Samuel Ajib,
Sophia Finlayson
Sophie Yakubu
Sumera Saleem
Pliatoh School Steel
Band

Congratulations to all those who were nominated and the winners! Well done, and keep doing your best.

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