

Recent Awards and Achievements at Anchor House

Michael Whippman Award for Innovation in Homelessness

- 2009 Award for Innovation in the Homeless Sector runner up for use of digital media
- 2008 Award for Innovation in Community Involvement for a resident. Involvement included organising a street cleaning initiative with Police and Local Authority; establishing a Healthy Living Fun Day; developing basic skills, employment skills and citizenship courses for AH and local residents; participating in regeneration projects and raising awareness locally of the 2012 Olympic Games
- 2006 Inaugural Award for innovation in service user involvement for its Residents' Involvement model

Business Awards

- 2009 Thames Gateway Business Awards: Highly Commended in two categories: Best Use of Technology and Diversity in Business categories. Also shortlisted for the Community Award category.
- 2009 Two residents jointly won the City and East London Employment Partnership Award for 'Outstanding Individual Back to Work', the awards were presented by the minister for Transport Jim Fitzpatrick MP on 8 May at a ceremony in the Docklands
- 2009 Healthy Options - Well London Award for Healthy Cooking Methods
- 2009 Winner in the Charity Times Award for Best Use of Technology
- 2009 Finalist in the Third Sector Excellence Awards for Financial Management
- 2008 Thames Gateway Business Awards
 - Commendation for Outstanding Young Person
 - Commendation for Diversity in the Community
- 2007 National Apprentice of the year - Nishard Jones (former resident)
- 2007 Awarded contract to provide financial and management services to a failing charity that has been turned round using Anchor House systems and techniques

Public Sector Awards

- 2009 Places of Change - award for educational video and staff development.
- 2009 City and East London Job CentrePlus Award for Outstanding Individual back to work - 2 joint winners were residents of Anchor House.
- 2008/11 Places of Change - award of £2.5 million under the Department of Communities and Local Government innovation in homelessness programme : Building Related
- 2007 Access to Excellence - award of £1 million award under the Government sponsored regeneration grant scheme for Canning Town area: Building Related.

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- In the last 9 months, we won Commended in the Thames Gateway Business Awards Outstanding Young Person Category (formerly the Apprentice of the Year in 2007)
- In addition to these awards, Anchor House has received high praise for its first phase of development including recognition by the Department of Communities and Local Government as a centre of good value and practice.
- Thames Gateway Business Awards - Commended in the Diversity in Business Category

Media

- 2009 London Tonight recently featured Anchor House in a programme about the issues surrounding homelessness following a visit by the Duchess of York
- 2008 Featured on ITV for Approaches to Homelessness
- 2007 A Japanese documentary team made a short film capturing the successful approaches of Anchor House, shown in a TV series in Japan about world homelessness
- Attracted international visitors from France, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Belgium and Japan

Representation

- Anchor House is chair of the Single Specialist and Small BME Provider Group for all forms of social problems
- Anchor House is a member of the Steering Group of a National Pilot for ex-offenders - the Diamond Project
- Anchor House is a member of the National Steering Group for Access to Music for disadvantaged communities

Other Achievements

- 2009 Endeavour Award for Best student at Newham College. Awarded to an Anchor House resident
- Last year we got 39 residents into jobs and approx. 33 back into independent living.
- Because we received only one sixth of the Supporting People Grant of other homeless organisations in 2005 we had to think differently, performance management, high expectations, effectiveness and efficiency had to be taken to a new order, hence the above results. We still only receive about a third of what other similar organisations receive, and we still have a caring Christian ethos by the bucketful.