

**OUTSTANDING  
FOR ALL  
AWARDS  
2013**

Tuesday 3 December 2013  
**Alexandra Palace**



**Haringey** Council





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# Welcome

**Showcasing excellent teaching and learning, and demonstrating what can be achieved by a diverse school population was one of the recommendations made by ‘Outstanding for All’, the independent education commission tasked by Haringey Council to make proposals to accelerate the pace of school improvement across the borough.**

The Outstanding for All Awards are our response to that recommendation. Congratulations and good luck to the shortlisted finalists, you are all thoroughly deserving of your nominations and I hope you’ll have a fantastic evening.

Education has the power to transform lives, and I’m determined that every child and young person in Haringey can access outstanding local education. We are already making real progress and 2013 has seen some very significant reasons for our schools to celebrate.

This summer, Haringey students and schools bucked the national trend and achieved their best ever exam results at GCSE and A level. For the first time ever, the percentage of Haringey pupils achieving 5+ A\* - C GCSEs (including English and maths) is above the national average.



Risley Avenue Primary and St Paul’s and All Hallows’ Infant and Junior School were this year amongst the top 100 most improved primary schools in the country, and the inspirational Anoria ‘Super’ Simmons, a teacher at Devonshire Hill Primary School, won the accolade Teacher of the Year in a Primary School 2013 at the ‘Oscars for teachers’ Pearson Teaching Awards.

These are fantastic achievements and are testament to the hard work, talent and determination of students, head teachers, staff and governors, as well as to the support offered by parents and carers. It’s great to see local communities working together to deliver outstanding education and brighter futures for young people across the borough.

**‘Well done and thank you all.’**

**Councillor Claire Kober**  
Leader, Haringey Council

# Our Compere

## Juliet Alexander

Juliet Alexander is an award winning communications consultant, careers adviser and university lecturer. She is a former television presenter with a career spanning more than 25 years. Juliet started her media career as a journalist working with the Hackney Gazette, the Sunday Times Insight team and Guardian newspaper. She was also a television presenter with John Craven's Newsround, Ebony, BBC World Service TV News, Granada Reports, Central News, Channel 4 and LWT News. She hosts and comperes events for private and public sector organisations and charities.



# Co Hosts

## Niveda Moorthy



Niveda is the Shadow Media and Marketing Officer for Haringey Youth Council, and attends Hornsey School for Girls.

## Stanley Barrell-Kane



Stanley attends Fortismere and is the Secretary for Haringey Youth Council.

# The Judges

## Janet Mokades

Janet has a wealth of national experience from a career spent in education, initially in teaching and management and later as an Ofsted Inspector. She inspected across all phases of education and was then seconded to the Cabinet Office to advise on the development of inspection policy. Janet moved to the Department for Education as a senior education adviser and subsequently a children's services adviser. More recently Janet has worked independently for central and local government and chaired the Islington Safeguarding Children Board. She currently works as a Schools Adjudicator. In a voluntary capacity Janet is a trustee of the Campaign for Learning and sits on the education advisory group of the Children's Commissioner.

## Dame Anna Hassan

Dame Anna Hassan has worked in schools in Hackney for over 30 years and was Head of Grasmere Primary School and then Millfields Community School. She worked for the National College as; an adviser for NPQH, a mentor on 'the Wave Programme', which supports managers into Leadership, a London Challenge Consultant and

continues to work with and mentor school leaders in Britain and abroad.

Dame Anna is a school assessor for the UNICEF Rights, Respecting programme, a Governor of a local Community College, a member of an IEB in outer London, Chair of OCAT and is on the Board of BAU, Mentora. She was made Dame Commander of the British Empire in the 2006 New Year Honours List for services to Education. Dame Anna was Chair of Haringey's Education Commission, Outstanding for All.

## Sarah Ebanja

Sarah has over 20 years experience as a senior officer in London's local and regional government. She spent four years as the Deputy Chief Executive of the London Development Agency. Her roles have included Deputy Chief Executive of Islington Council, interim Managing Director of Hackney Council, Assistant Director of Education & Finance at Lewisham Council. Whilst at Islington Sarah spent five years as the council's lead for the new Arsenal Stadium and its related developments.

Sarah was chair of the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. She is

currently chair of a 7,000 home housing and care group, vice-chair of a specialist provider of homes for the homeless in east London, Chair of The Bernie Grant Arts Centre, and a trustee of two relatively new not-for-profit organisations that support, nurture and develop young people aged 16 to 24.

Sarah is self-employed providing project management, strategy development, facilitation and coaching services.

## Miles Ebnother

Miles is 19 and studied at Alexandra Park School.

Miles is Swiss American, growing up in Switzerland and France before moving to the UK, where he successfully completed his A levels.

Miles is currently studying and plans on working for a charitable organisation. He is a valued member of Aspire, Haringey's Children in Care Council, which works alongside professionals to make sure the voices of children in care are heard.

Miles is also a trained tennis coach and has coached on Saturdays for over five years. Miles was baptised in July this year and says his faith underpins everything he does.



## Anoria 'Super' Simmons Winner of Teacher of the Year in a Primary School, at the 2013 Pearson Teaching Awards



When Anoria Simmons first came to Tottenham's Devonshire Hill Primary School in 1999, she was a one day a week supply teacher and the school required special measures. Fourteen years later, Anoria is 2013 UK Primary School Teacher of the Year and a newly promoted assistant head teacher, while Devonshire Hill is judged 'good' by Ofsted and has been described as a "gem".

Often called the 'Oscars for Teachers', the Pearson Teaching Awards have ten categories, each recognising individual contributions to scholarship and learning. Each of the winners receives a gold Plato - the ultimate symbol of excellence in education.

Originally from St Vincent and the Grenadines in the Caribbean, Anoria has taught in London for 20 years and is respected and admired for her 'strict but fair' approach. A maths specialist, Anoria has helped the school turn around and has changed children's lives.

"Anoria really does stand out from the rest", says Devonshire Hill Head teacher Julie D'Abreu who

nominated her. "Parents call her 'Super Simmons'; teachers say she's 'like sunshine on our corridor'. Children simply love her."

Ms D'Abreu, who with Anoria on her senior management team has led the school to attain an Ofsted judgement as a 'Good' school says: "Anoria has unique relationships with some of our hardest to reach children and their families; she has achieved this over the years by a refined balance of fairness and strictness! She's always smiling and says she feels 'blessed' to be a teacher."

Anoria's pupils told the Pearson Teaching Awards judges: "She is strict because it makes us do our best", "she teaches us to never give up", "she is fun-loving, amazing, wonderful and teaches brilliantly", "she's like my school Mum because she's always there for you".

The awards were announced at a glittering ceremony at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, hosted by Clare Balding. The winners were chosen from a record 24,000 nominations and were treated to an evening of celebration.

# The shortlisted nominations:

## Art and culture

### Harry Smithson

#### Fortismere

Harry has been nominated for his dedication, motivation and ability in art.

Harry's GCSE teacher nominated him for "creating work that was both challenging and conceptual, way beyond the expectations of a GCSE student." Not only is Harry talented, but he is "polite, genuine and supportive of other students... unassuming and modest."

Harry is now studying for his A levels (including Art), and in February will give a talk to trainee teachers at the Institute of Education.

### Katrina Walcott

#### Fortismere

Katrina has been nominated for her ability in painting. Not only is Katrina naturally gifted, with her A level work being compared to the level of quality at Art Degree shows, but "she became a real role model for GCSE art students, and gave them tips on how to improve."

Katrina's nominator said she was "the greatest painting student I have seen or taught in the last 13 years."

Katrina is now studying law but has vowed to continue painting.

### Kaos Signing Choir

The Kaos Signing Choir for Deaf and Hearing Children is a Haringey-based choir – for mixed-ability, deaf and hearing children.

They are part of the Kaos Organisation, "which has worked with deaf, hearing, disabled and mainstream children for 18 years. A pioneering charity." The Signing Choir have a raft of notable performances - including the national anthem at the London Olympics Opening Ceremony, performing at St Paul's for the official opening service of the London Paralympics, and also as the French and Belgium teams arrived at St Pancras.

You can find out more about the choir by visiting [www.thekaosorganisation.com](http://www.thekaosorganisation.com)

# The shortlisted nominations: Overcoming Adversity

## **Fatos Ozhot**

### **Risley Avenue Primary**

Fatos is in Year 5 at Risley Avenue Primary. Fatos' nominator says "Fatos has cerebral palsy but has not let that stop her from being active in all areas of school life. Determined to stay at the school beyond Year 2, Fatos practised walking up the stairs every afternoon so that she was able to join her classmates upstairs in Year 3.

Fatos is doing very well academically with levels slightly above national averages, she has been a member of several after school clubs and has performed in dances at various events. She is a popular member of our school!"

## **Selin Beyzat**

### **Risley Avenue Primary**

Selin is 10 and is in Year 6 at Risley Avenue Primary. Selin has been blind since birth and spoke very little English when he arrived at the school in Year 4. Despite the school being large, Selin was not daunted at all.

Selin's nominator says "He has learned English very quickly, now uses a Braille typewriter and his spelling is amazing. He recognises the voices of staff and pupils and has taken part in swimming, cycling and violin lessons with great enthusiasm. He is a wonderful pupil who is an inspiration to everyone."

## **Diyar Huseyinoglu**

### **Lordship Lane Primary**

Diyar is a Year 6 pupil at Lordship Lane Primary, and he has a range of complex needs, including epilepsy, restricted mobility and hearing and speech difficulties.

His nominator says of Diyar: "In spite of all of his difficulties Diyar is always smiling, has a fantastic sense of humour and tries his best in all curricular areas. He has to follow a daily intensive physiotherapy regime, which he does without complaining. Diyar was told that he would always be in a wheelchair, but as a result of his determination he no longer needs the wheelchair. Diyar is an inspiration to all who know him."

# The shortlisted nominations: Community Organisation

## Kulan Youth Association

Kulan Youth Association (KYA) was formed in 1992 and is designed to meet the needs of young Somali people in Haringey. Their nominator says “The service they have provided has been exemplary and they have made significant impact in many areas”, including: setting up of a Somali Supplementary School aimed at raising attainment; setting up adult classes in literacy, numeracy and English; and one-to-one mentoring sessions for all Somali students.

“The raised self esteem of primarily the Somali females has been significant. Furthermore grades for year 11 Somali students have risen from 42% gaining 5 GCSEs at A-C including English and Maths in 2009 to 72% in 2013. There has been a profound impact with some of the students with behavioural issues.” You can find out more at [www.kulan.org.uk](http://www.kulan.org.uk)

## St Ann’s Church

St Ann’s Church, led by Rev. John Wood, was nominated for delivering many services in the borough, including the following with local schools:

- The Fowler Newsam Hall Counselling Project provides early intervention counselling for the social and emotional needs of children within 31 schools in Haringey. There has been a significant drop in exclusion rates in schools using the service.
- South Tottenham Schools Festival – St Ann’s regularly visits and works in over 15 local schools. The festival is held annually – celebrating the work of the schools, with pupils performing to each other and showcasing their skills.

Rev. Wood, is described as an “Inspirational leader who has made an enormous difference to the life chances of communities from birth to death.”

# The shortlisted nominations: Community Organisation

## Living Under One Sun

Living Under One Sun (LUOS) was created in 2005 by mothers of many cultures and ages to tell their 'stories'.

Now, it's a multi-award winning organisation actively creating places for communities to meet, access services, share skills and ideas and shape their neighbourhoods. The group was nominated by a council officer who works with them on sustainable transport projects including recruiting community champions, delivering events, and facilitating a community bike pool and family rides project.

Their nominator says:  
"The reason that I have nominated LUOS is because of their propensity to go above and beyond the call of duty... Additionally, the projects are always undertaken with the "bigger picture" considered... My overall experience of LUOS is one of extreme dedication, passion and love to improve Haringey."



# The shortlisted nominations: Sustainable School

## **Northumberland Park Community School**

The Community Department at Northumberland Park Community School provides a wide range of courses, activities and support for parents, children and the wider community, which promote community cohesion and support for families.

The school's nominator says:  
"Jenny Bailey and her team have created a fantastic environment that encourages the whole community and families to come into the school and enjoy learning life skills together. Based in an area of the borough that is renowned for deprivation the facilities and community involvement that this school provides is incredible and Jenny as the lead officer is a total asset to the school."

## **Park View School - Emotional Development and Environmental Nurturing (EDEN) project**

The EDEN project has been driven by a group of Park View students, who have transformed a patch of overgrown weeds into a sustainable and productive organic fruit and vegetable garden for the whole school and wider community to enjoy.

The school's nominator says:  
"All the fresh produce from the garden is distributed to the food technology department and the school canteen and the students recently won an award from Veolia at the Haringey War on Waste Awards for tackling food waste. The garden is open to all students, staff and parents and is a beautiful outdoor classroom and green space. The students have also planted various trees and shrubs around the school in order to produce shade and improve the green spaces, which will benefit the environment and community for years to come."

# The shortlisted nominations:

## Inclusive School

### Park View School

Park View was nominated for its strong commitment to inclusion, including some specific projects:

- Working with Womankind to promote an anti-sexual bullying campaign that led to the production of materials used all over the country.
- Developing a home-based curriculum which supports young people who struggle with changing teachers every hour.
- Pioneering Time2Talk, which highlights mental health issues for young people through drama and peer mentoring.
- Following the tragic murder of a student, working closely with NHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services to help the victim's friends to produce a video challenging knife crime, channelling their grief into something that would support their peers across the borough.

### Highgate Wood School

Highgate Wood was nominated by a parent, who felt the school was a great anchor for her and her daughter who was diagnosed with autism.

She says:

“The school has been amazing and really came up trumps when we needed them: teachers have been compassionate and discreet... Highgate Wood truly is an inclusive school that supports its students, even when they fall into difficulties, something which makes a massive difference to teenagers struggling to be more independent from their families. We are so grateful, I hope they realise that.”

The nomination particularly mentioned Julia Said, along with Karen Harding, Maria Diego Garcia, and Neil Robertson.

# The shortlisted nominations: Inspirational School Prefect

## **Yunus Top** **Woodside High**

Yunus attended Woodside High School, and has been nominated for the turnaround in his behaviour – from a student who was often in trouble - to a mentor, senior prefect and a fantastic role model.

Yunus mentored and supported other students, giving up his breaks and lunchtimes to help them. He took his prefect role seriously, often speaking in assemblies and serving on the school behaviour council. He was named Met Police Cadet of the year, and took part in Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme, as well as encouraging others in extra-curricular activities such as the school football team. Yunus also found time to achieve good A\* - C grades at GCSE.

Yunus' nominator says:  
"For Woodside High there was no greater ambassador than Yunus, he was a superb prefect and person for the school."

## **Amy Garrad** **Hornsey School for Girls**

Amy is one of the Head Girls at Hornsey School, and was nominated by a member of staff. Some of Amy's key achievements are:

- Raising over £3,000 for local and international charities.
- Working with her team to respond to key school changes to improve the experiences for all girls, including the most vulnerable.
- Responding to issues raised by the girls across the school through the suggestion boxes.
- Working as a literacy mentor, reading with a younger student.
- Leading a Film Club.

Amy's nominator says:  
"Amy attends all school open events (including on Saturdays!) giving speeches to prospective families and giving tours to promote the school. She thoroughly deserves this nomination and would be a worthy winner."

# The shortlisted nominations: Best Contribution to Early Years

## Sandria Willocks

Sandria is the manager of Highcross Playgroup, and was nominated for her support to families and children, particularly those with special educational needs, and financial difficulties.

As well as helping families to find jobs, and providing free sessions for parents to attend work or college, Sandria provides families with details of where to get further help and support. Sandria's nominator says: "I feel that Sandria goes above and beyond her duty of care for the children as this spreads wider to support the whole family."

## Shirley Welton

Shirley has run St James' Pre-School for the last 25 years, dedicated to giving infants the best possible start in their education. Over the years, Shirley, who is a former Barnardo's nursery teacher, has transformed the pre-school, making it one of the most sought after in the area.

Shirley's nominator says: "Her dedication and constant involvement in the pre-school have been outstanding. She has worked tirelessly to ensure the pre-school is a happy and caring environment for all the hundreds of children who have passed through the doors."



# The shortlisted nominations: Lifetime Achievement Award

## Peter Desmond

Peter is the Head of Music and Performing Arts for Haringey Council, and was nominated for his outstanding commitment to the development of music across Haringey. Peter was nominated by a headteacher, who says:

“I have been privileged to work with Peter on numerous music related projects over the last 10 years most namely in recent years the Whole Class Instrumental Project. His drive, passion and dedication to the young people of Haringey is infectious! The work that Peter does with the Music Service and number of young people he is able to reach is truly fantastic. I know there are youngsters and adults in Haringey who without Peter's vision and hard work would never get opportunities with music and the performing arts. Peter is an inspiration to us all and I believe he thoroughly deserves to be rewarded.”

## Claire Allaway

Claire is Assistant Headteacher at Highgate Wood School, and was nominated by an ex-pupil for her dedication, support and advice.

Her nominator says:

“Claire is the living embodiment of an effective, dedicated and caring teacher. Always willing to listen, support and advise where she could - a teacher you knew you could go to when in trouble, or for encouragement and guidance... the teacher you can count on not to get you out of trouble but to keep you on the right track.

Claire was the teacher you could go to for wise words and some common sense. She goes above and beyond the obligation to support her students and give them the best start in life. Claire Allaway cares, she delivers and she deserves this award.”

# The shortlisted nominations: Lifetime Achievement Award



## Vinsia McQueen

Vinsia worked at Park View School, and was nominated by an ex colleague, who says:

“Vinsia served this school for 28 years, spent the last decade as part of the senior leadership team and also worked in a variety of middle leadership roles.

I have not met a better professional than Vinsia across my career. She was a role model for anyone at any level of any school...

absolutely unwavering in her aspirations and expectations of the students and so thorough in how she delivered her responsibilities. No child on her watch had low expectations of themselves, no member of staff on her watch would be allowed to have them either. To a large extent the steep incline in the school's performance over recent years is the direct result of her work.

She was a solid source of support and rationality, particularly in the most challenging of circumstances.”

## Haringey schools supporting and safeguarding our families and young people.

Haringey is home to a growing number of children, families, and young people in need of extra support and help to achieve brighter and better futures.

Our vision for Haringey is **‘a place where children and young people thrive and achieve’**; we have high aspirations for all our residents. Haringey schools are a vital partner in the work that goes into supporting and safeguarding our families and young people. Here are some examples of good practice in action.

### South Haringay Junior School

Two young children came to the attention of South Haringay Junior School initially because of concerns about their punctuality and attendance. Working closely with the two children, it quickly became apparent to head teacher Paul Church and his management team that the siblings had deep rooted emotional problems due to traumatic early childhood experiences.

The school started to talk with the children’s family about the children’s wellbeing and performance at school; they were often met with slammed doors and hostility, but slowly a relationship between the family and the school developed.

Paul Church has consistently advocated for the children and always provides thorough and insightful reports for the often complex and frequent meetings he attends where their progress and plans are reviewed and discussed. Paul has been known to change his holiday plans to prepare reports and attend meetings.

Throughout the last four years, a source of support and consistency in the children’s lives has been South Haringay Junior School. The school has worked tirelessly with both family and professionals to contribute to the safeguarding of these children and happily, both are currently meeting their academic targets.

## **Stroud Green Primary School**

Jo Bartlett, Deputy Head at Stroud Green Primary School supported three young girls on Child Protection Plans because of significant violence at home.

Jo spent time working individually and as a group with the girls completing their “life history” projects. Jo spoke at length with the girls helping them to recognise, describe and understand their feelings. They discussed their home life, their relationships with each other and their parents. The sessions were difficult for everyone involved but as trust developed between Jo and the girls, the sessions became easier and even enjoyable.

It was recognised in the Review Child Protection Conference that Jo’s work had been invaluable in terms of understanding the girls’ experiences, wishes and feelings, and had significantly helped to increase their confidence and self esteem.

Jo has now turned the life history worksheets and activities into journals for each of the girls. They now actively seek out Jo looking to

complete this piece of work, a positive indication of the strength of their relationships.

## **Highgate Primary School**

Highgate Primary School has given extensive support to a pupil whose mother is an alcoholic. ‘Mum’ also experienced severe financial problems and other health and emotional issues because of her alcohol dependency.

Head teacher William Dean approved financial arrangements to ensure that the child could attend a range of different after school clubs so they could keep up with important extracurricular activities, and the child also attended an activity camp in Wales for a week.

Sadly, when it was decided that it was in the best interest of the child to no longer live with their mother, a period of supervised contact started between mother and child. Highgate Primary School volunteered to supervise these sessions and facilitated them on site.

The school’s Child Protection lead has arranged counselling for the student and continues to work very closely with Haringey Council’s Safeguarding and Support Service.

The consistency and familiarity of the support provided by Highgate Primary School has given the child some security and comfort during a confusing and unsettling period of their life.

## **Lancasterian Primary School**

A family with three children of school age started attending Lancasterian Primary School. Their attendance at previous schools had been very low and the eldest of the siblings had been diagnosed with significant behavioural and emotional difficulties. Haringey's Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services were involved.

All three children were subject to a Child Protection Plan.

Lancasterian Primary School headed up by Alison Maynard (assistant head teacher) worked extremely closely with the council's Children's Services and the family to address the attendance issue and to also undertake some very specific work with the eldest child to address their emotional needs.

Due to non-engagement from the parents, Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services had no choice but to withdraw support. Alison and the school put in place a robust pastoral support package including learning mentor provision and creative support outside the classroom. The eldest child responded very well to the package and their emotional wellbeing is improving.

Lancasterian Primary School went above and beyond to work with very resistant parents. Alison, in particular, has made every effort to build a positive relationship, and the parents have informed their social worker that they really value the support offered by the school saying they feel that Alison and her team are non-judgmental of their previous difficulties.

After the Child Protection plan ended, the Child Protection Chair said: '...this was a tremendous all round effort by many professionals across the key agencies and Lancasterian school staff were particularly diligent.'

The following pupils were put forward by their schools for their outstanding achievements:

**Roshni Mahto Edward Skowronek**  
Hornsey School for Girls

**Jade Bailey David Pughe**  
Alexandra Park School

**Melinda Farahani Tanzim Khan Priyanka Patel**  
Heartlands High School

**Lemar Barrett Naveen Bisht Linda Mayisa Daniel**  
St Thomas More School





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