

## **BIG IT UP AWARDS – CHILDREN IN CARE OCTOBER 2010**

The achievements of Nottingham's looked after children and young people were honoured at an OSCAR style awards ceremony on Tuesday 12 October.

Trent FM's presenters Twiggy and Emma, BBC East Midlands presenters Dominic Heale and Anne Davies along with Nottingham actors Tim Smith and Luke Gell and hip-hop rappers Shelley Soljaz and Mizzred entertained and presented awards to over 100 young people at council house.

Now in its fourth year, the 'Big It Up' awards recognise the achievements of young people aged 10-18 years who are in the care or who have recently left the care of Nottingham City Council.

A record number of nominations were received from adults involved in the lives of children in care for the outstanding progress that they have made in the last year in one of the following categories; Enjoy and Achieve, Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Economic Wellbeing and Making a Positive Contribution.

Cllr David Mellen, CEO Jane Todd and Corporate Director Ian Curryer paid tribute to the hard work and support of foster carers in the City and thanked the young people for their fantastic achievements over the last year.

Donations were received from a number of local businesses and those providing suitable accommodation for our children in care. The awards are set to continue for 2011.

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