



## QUOTE FROM THE 2020 JUDGES

'AS JUDGES, WE WERE BLOWN AWAY BY THE STRENGTH AND MIX OF APPLICATIONS, SHOWCASING THE AMAZING LIVES AND SUPPORT IN SERVICES THAT WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. EVERYONE ON THE SHORTLIST IS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL WHO HAS OUR UTMOST APPRECIATION AND RESPECT. OUR FINAL WINNERS ARE THOSE WHO DEMONSTRATED TO US THE MOST IMPACT, WHETHER DUE TO THEIR LIVED EXPERIENCE DETERMINATION, THE LEVEL OF PASSION SHOWN TO CARE FOR PEOPLE'S NEEDS AND POTENTIAL, OR THEIR ABILITY TO SUSTAIN A POSITIVE SPACE AND COMMUNITY FOR OTHERS. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THERE IS A HOME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FULL OF INSPIRATION FROM THESE WINNERS AND NOMINEES'



## 2020 R4YP SHORTLIST

### THE COMMUNITY ACTION AWARD

AN AWARD TO RECOGNISE THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN ACTION IN THEIR COMMUNITIES OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND IMPROVED WHERE THEY LIVE.

**TIA SHILLITO-RADICIC (HEATHER COURT FOYER- SWAN HOUSING)**

FOR HER TIRELESS WORK TO ADVOCATE FOR THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT IN HER COMMUNITY BY ORGANISING A SAFE PROECT UNDER COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 3000 PEOPLE AND RECOGNISED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE AS THE MOST PEACEFUL PROTEST HE HAD BEEN TO IN HIS CAREER. TIA HAS CONTINUED TO PROMOTE BLACK LIVES MATTERS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA AND PETITIONS, AND HAS SHOWN A SELF-LESS DEDICATION TO INSPIRE POSITIVE CHANGE FOR OTHERS.

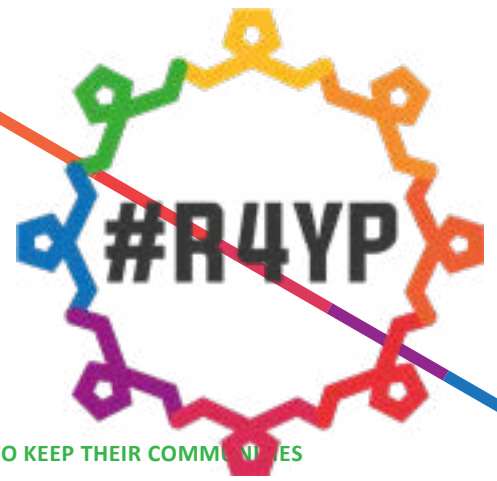
**SAFIYA SAEED (REACH UP YOUTH)**

FOR HER INSPIRATIONAL PASSION TO IMPROVE HER COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. BEING A MOTHER OF FIVE AND WANTING TO PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE FOR ALL CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A POSITIVE FUTURE, SAFIYA IS A BRILLIANT EXAMPLE OF HOW ONE PERSON'S DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS CAN DRIVE POSITIVE ACTION. SAFIYA FOUNDED THE REACH UP YOUTH PROGRAMME IN 2013, PROVIDING A FOCUS ON SPORT TO POSITIVELY ENGAGE AND CONNECT YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE INCREASING THREAT FROM A CRIME-RAVAGED ENVIRONMENT.

**TOLULOPE OGUNREMI (PEABODY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION)**

FOR FOUNDING THE 'CODERS OF COLOUR' PROJECT TO SUPPORT UNDER-REPRESENTED BAME GROUPS TO GET AHEAD IN THE TECH INDUSTRY, CREATING A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM TO LEARN AND GROW. BY RUNNING FREE CODING WORK-SHOPS AND PRODUCING ONLINE CONTENT, THE PROGRAMME INCREASES THE VISIBILITY OF UNDER- REPRESENTED GROUPS AND INSPIRES THEM TO GET INTO TECH. TOLULOPE SECURED FUNDING FROM PEABODY'S YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME TO OFFER CODING COURSES TO YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE PANDEMIC, USING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FROM BAME BACKGROUNDS AS POSITIVE ROLE MODELS TO LEAD THE SESSIONS. TOLULOPE'S IS NOT ONLY A SELF-TAUGHT PROGRAMMER, SHE IS AN INSPIRATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVIST FOR OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE.

**WINNER - TOLULOPE OGUNREMI (PEABODY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION) FOR HER INSPIRATIONALLY, SAVVY, DETERMINED APPROACH TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS GET AHEAD IN THE TECH INDUSTRY.**



## **STAYING HEALTHY AND CREATIVE AWARD**

**AN AWARD THAT RECOGNISES YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO KEEP THEIR COMMUNITIES HEALTHY AND CREATIVE DURING THIS TIME.**

### **BRIGHT FUTURES MAGAZINE (BRIGHT FUTURES)**

**FOR THE DEDICATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO CREATE A MAGAZINE PROJECT LAUNCHED DURING THE PANDEMIC, OFFERING VALUABLE SUPPORT THROUGH YOUNG-PEOPLE LED CONTENT ON HOME FITNESS SESSIONS, FAMILY FRIENDLY RECIPES AND A RANGE OF OTHER ACTIVITIES TO HELP CHILDREN DEAL WITH ANXIETY AND STRESS AS WELL AS EXPLORING HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS. THE BRIGHT FUTURES MAGAZINE PROJECT WAS STARTED BEFORE THE PANDEMIC BUT ADAPTED ITS APPROACH THROUGH ONLINE INTERACTIONS TO PRODUCE TWO PUBLICATIONS, ONE FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11 AND ONE FOR YOUNG WOMEN AGED 11-16, BOTH WRITTEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BY YOUNG PEOPLE.**

### **HEALTHY HOLIDAYS (THE YOUTH ASSOCIATION)**

**FOR THE TANGIBLE HELP GIVEN BY THE HEALTHY HOLIDAYS PROJECT TO HOST FREE ACTIVITY DAYS AND DISTRIBUTE FOOD PARCELS IN RESPONSE TO THE HUNGER AND POVERTY EXPERIENCED BY MANY FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, WHICH HAS BEEN INSPIRINGLY SUSTAINED OVER THE PANDEMIC PERIOD. HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CONTINUED ITS SUPPORT THROUGH DOOR-STEP VISITS AND DETACHED YOUTH WORK, DELIVERING THE EQUIVALENT OF 975 HEALTHY MEALS WHILE PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 REGULATIONS AND HELPING PEOPLE TO OVERCOME THEIR FEARS.**

### **REACH UP YOUTH**

**FOR ITS INCREDIBLE IMPACT ON YOUNG LIVES AND THE LONG TERM COMMITMENT OF FOUNDER, SAFIYA SAEED, USING SPORT AS A TOOL TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BAME BACKGROUNDS AND SUPPORT THEM TO OVERCOME ISSUES RANGING FROM MENTAL HEALTH TO KNIFE CRIME, RACISM, FORCED MARRIAGES AND THE DANGERS OF GANG CULTURE. THE PROJECT'S FOCUS ON PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH SPORT PROVIDES A SAFE COMMUNITY OF BELONGING, CREATING BONDS AND ROLE MODELS THAT TRANSCEND BOTH GANG CONFLICT AND THE PANDEMIC.**

**WINNER - REACH UP YOUTH. FOR ITS STRONG IMPACT ON HEALTHY LIVES AND THE INSPIRATIONAL WAY ITS FOUNDER HAS FOCUSED ON USING SPORT TO CREATE POSITIVE COMMUNITY BONDS THAT TRANSCEND EVERYTHING FROM GANG CONFLICT TO COVID-19.**



## **USING STRENGTHS AND TALENT AWARD**

**AN AWARD THAT CELEBRATES THOSE WHO HAVE UTILISED THEIR STRENGTHS AND TALENTS TO ENGAGE THEIR COMMUNITIES AND TACKLE THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE**

**ETHAN FINLAYSON (NEWHAVEN FOYER – SAHA)**

**FOR SHOWING PERSONAL RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF MULTIPLE OBSTACLES AND DISADVANTAGES. IN THE SPACE OF 5 MONTHS, ETHAN HAS TURNED HIS LIFE AROUND – FACING UP TO DYSLEXIA BY READING FOR 4 HOURS A WEEK, TAKING HEALTH SERIOUSLY BY TRAINING 5 DAYS A WEEK, AND OVERCOMING SOCIAL ANXIETY TO OFFER A HELPING HAND TO THOSE AROUND HIM, SUCH AS SUPPORTING FELLOW RESIDENTS TO ENJOY WORKOUTS DURING THE PANDEMIC. ETHAN HAS DRAWN ON HIS PERSONAL STRENGTHS TO PROGRESS FROM LIVING IN A CAR WITH FEW BELONGINGS TOWARDS A POSITIVE PATHWAY FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING.**

**MEGAN EADES (RAVENHEAD FOYER – YOUR HOUSING GROUP)**

**FOR SHOWING THE RELENTLESS DETERMINATION TO DEAL WITH THE LOSS OF HER MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER, CREATE A STABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR HERSELF AT A FOYER SERVICE, AND GAIN AN APPRENTICESHIP. NOW WORKING FULL-TIME, MEGAN HAS BECOME A VALUABLE MEMBER OF A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE TEAM AND REMAINED STEADFAST DURING THE PANDEMIC AS THEIR MAIN POINT OF CONTACT TO HELP THE BUSINESS THRIVE ONLINE.**

**SAMMY (PEABODY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION)**

**FOR OVERCOMING ADVERSITY IN HER LIFE DESPITE BEING LET DOWN BY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT A YOUNG AGE, FINDING THE PERSONAL STRENGTH TO ADVOCATE FOR HERSELF AND SECURE THE SUPPORT SHE IS ENTITLED TO. SAMMY HAS DRAWN FROM HER LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DEALING WITH STATUTORY SERVICES TO VOLUNTEER AS A BEFRIENDER WITH PEABODY, ACTIVELY WORKING TO HELP OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH OVER THE PANDEMIC. SHE HAS NOW GAINED HER OWN TENANCY AND A JOB AS A CARE CO-ORDINATOR. SAMMY IS AN INSPIRATION FOR USING HER STRENGTHS AND TALENTS TO MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE FOR HERSELF AND OTHERS.**

**WINNER - SAMMY (PEABODY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION) FOR THE INSPIRATIONAL STRENGTH SHE HAS SHOWN TO OVERCOME PERSONAL CHALLENGES, STAND UP TO THE SYSTEM, AND USE HER INSIGHTS TO SUPPORT OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH.**



### **SERVICE STARS AWARD**

**AN AWARD TO RECOGNISE THE STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE INSPIRED OTHERS.**

**DYLAN JAMIESON (DONCASTER FOYER – SAHA)**

**FOR THE SELFLESS WAY HE HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO SUPPORT OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE AT DONCASTER FOYER, HELPING WITH BUDGET ADVICE, WIFI ACCESS AND COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS. DESPITE FACING PRESSURES DURING THE PANDEMIC TO COMPLETE HIS OWN PLANNED MOVE ON, DYLAN STILL WANTED TO VOLUNTEER HIS TIME TO CONTINUE COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOYER TO BENEFIT OTHERS IN THE SERVICE. DYLAN IS A REMINDER OF THE VITAL ROLE YOUNG PEOPLE PLAY TO SUSTAIN A POSITIVE COMMUNITY ALONGSIDE STAFF.**

**JANICE STEWART (LIVWEST)**

**FOR THE MASSIVE IMPACT SHE HAS HAD TO HELP 4 YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE ON SAFELY INTO THEIR NEXT STAGE OF INDEPENDENT LIVING DURING THE PANDEMIC. JANICE WENT THE EXTRA MILE FOR 4 FLATS TO BE READY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO MOVE INTO AT SHORT NOTICE AT A DIFFICULT TIME, REMAINING IN CONTACT WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL POST MOVE ON TO ENSURE THEY WERE CONNECTED WITH THE SERVICES THEY NEEDED. JANICE'S WORK REFLECTS THE AMAZING ENERGY OF 'SUPERSTAR' COACHES WORKING WITH AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

**MICHAELA JOHNSON (HERTS SCHOOL OUTREACH)**

**FOR HER INSPIRATIONAL WORK TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH, DRAWING ON HER LIVED EXPERIENCE OF ADVERSITY TO SET UP THE HERTS SCHOOL OUTREACH SERVICE THAT PROVIDES VITAL EARLY INTERVENTION AND RESOURCES FOR THOSE IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. MICHAELA'S QUICK RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC HAS SEEN HER INCREASE HER EFFORTS TO PROMOTE POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS, FULFILLING THE DETERMINED PURPOSE SHE FOUND IN HER OWN CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE TO GIVE HOPE TO OTHERS. MICHAELA INSPIRES OTHERS THROUGH HER DETERMINATION TO GIVE BACK AND NEVER GIVE UP.**

**WINNER - MICHAELA JOHNSON (HERTS SCHOOL OUTREACH) FOR THE INSPIRATIONAL WAY SHE HAS DRAWN FROM HER OWN LIVED EXPERIENCE TO PRO-VIDE A POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE THAT RESPONDED PROACTIVELY TO COVID-19.**



## **OUTSTANDING PRACTICE AWARD**

**AN AWARD THAT RECOGNISES SERVICES THAT HAVE LED THE WAY IN TRYING NEW INNOVATIVE APPROACHES.**

### **BRAINTREE FOYER PAINTING & DECORATING PROJECT (BRAINTREE FOYER – SAHA)**

**FOR THE INSPIRING WAY THE FOYER LEARNED FROM YOUNG PEOPLE, RESPONDING TO THEIR EAGERNESS TO HELP OUT AND BE MORE ACTIVE DURING THE PANDEMIC BY ALLOWING THEM TO GET INVOLVED IN PAINTING WORK AT THE SERVICE. BASED ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENJOYMENT FOR WORKING TOGETHER ON SOMETHING POSITIVE THAT IMPROVED THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT, THE FOYER HAS SUSTAINED THIS ACTIVITY AS PART OF ITS SERVICE OFFER, ESTABLISHING A PAINTING AND DECORATING PROJECT THAT ENABLES YOUNG PEOPLE TO BENEFIT FROM USEFUL SKILLS WHILE GAINING AN AQA UNIT AWARD. BRAINTREE FOYER'S APPROACH SHOWS HOW TRUST AND COLLABORATIVE THINKING CAN HELP SERVICES TRULY 'WORK WITH' YOUNG PEOPLE.**

### **KEVIN SIAW (CLARION FUTURES)**

**FOR THE DEDICATION KEVIN HAS SHOWN TO LEAD THE ROMAN ROAD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN IN BOW, LONDON, USING HIS INNOVATIVE MINDSET AND PASSION TO CREATE A REMARKABLE ASSET FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THIS WAS FULLY REFLECTED IN KEVIN'S DETERMINED RESPONSE TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE PANDEMIC PERIOD, WORKING TO ENSURE THE PLAYGROUND COULD STILL BE MANAGED SAFELY WHILE SUSTAINING ITS CORE ETHOS OF ALLOWING 'CHILDREN TO BE CHILDREN' THROUGH THE FREEDOM OF PLAY. KEVIN'S ABILITY TO BALANCE THE NEEDS OF RISK ASSESSMENT WITH THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN TO PLAY IS AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE**

### **LONDON FOOTBALL JOURNEYS (PEABODY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION)**

**FOR THE INSPIRATIONAL WAY THE SERVICE INNOVATED ITS DELIVERY MODEL THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, RE-IMAGINING AN EXISTING FOOTBALL PROGRAMME INTO ONLINE SESSIONS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

**REMOTELY. IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSIVE TO NOTE HOW YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES INFORMED THE PROCESS OF INNOVATION, CREATING A NEW ONLINE 8 WEEK PROGRAMME FOR THREE SCHOOL COHORTS, FROM WHICH 20 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP, DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVITY AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS, AND OBTAIN A YOUNG LEADERS QUALIFICATION OVER THE PANDEMIC PERIOD.**

**WINNER - KEVIN SIAW FROM CLARION FUTURES - FOR THE INSPIRING WAY HE HAS TACKLED BALANCING THE NEEDS FOR RISK ASSESSMENT WITH THE WISHES OF CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO KEEP PLAYING DURING THE PANDEMIC PERIOD.**



## THE WILD CARD AWARD

AN AWARD SO THAT ANY ORGANISATION COULD SHARE A UNIQUELY INSPIRATIONAL STORY AND WE DEFINITELY HAD SOME GREAT APPLICATIONS.

### BRAINTREE FOYER (SAHA)

FOR THEIR 'ADVANTAGED THINKING' APPROACH TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES OF LOCKDOWN BY INTRODUCING THE 'BRAINTREE SAVING LIVES AWARDS' TO RECOGNISE ACTS OF SELFLESS BEHAVIOR DURING THE PANDEMIC. WINNERS OF THE AWARD INCLUDED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARRANGED FOOD DONATIONS FOR OTHERS, CREATED A SAFE WAY FOR THE FOYER'S CHOIR TO RECORD A NEW SONG, ORGANIZED THE FOYER WEEKLY APPLAUSE FOR THE NHS, SET UP A FOODBANK, AND IN ONE CASE MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER RESIDENT TO STOP SMOKING CANNABIS IN RETURN FOR A TATTOO. THIS IMAGINATIVE INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATES HOW A SERVICE'S POSITIVE FOCUS CAN STIMULATE YOUNG PEOPLE TO THRIVE.

### BRIGHT FUTURES YOUNG MUM'S NETWORK (BRIGHT FUTURES YOUNG WOMEN'S PROJECT)

FOR THE INSPIRING WORK OF BRIGHT FUTURES TO ENSURE THEIR PERSON-LED YOUNG MUM'S GROUP - A SAFE PLACE AND POSITIVE NETWORK FOR YOUNG MUMS TO CONNECT TOGETHER, GAIN SUPPORT AND BUILD CONFIDENCE – WAS ABLE TO BE CONTINUED AND DEVELOPED OVER THE LOCKDOWN PERIOD. INSTEAD OF TWO WEEKLY SESSIONS RUN FROM SOUTH TYNESIDE CHILDREN CENTRES, YOUNG MUMS ENGAGED IN REGULAR ZOOM CALLS, WHERE UP TO 10 MUMS JOINED EACH DAY. THESE CALLS WERE A LIFE-LINE FOR THOSE INVOLVED, SAFEGUARDING A VITAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY DURING PERIODS OF ISOLATION. BRIGHT FUTURES ALSO ORGANISED WEEKLY FOOD PARCELS AND WELL-BEING PACKAGES AND CHECKED IN ON THE WELLBEING OF EACH INDIVIDUAL. THE BRIGHT FUTURES RESPONSE DEMONSTRATES THE POWER OF SUSTAINING A POSITIVE NETWORK TO MEET INCREASED NEEDS DURING THE PANDEM-IC

### MEGAN O SULLIVAN (VERVE PLACE – YOUR HOUSING GROUP)

FOR AN INSPIRING STORY OF HOW ONE YOUNG PERSON TRANSFORMED THEIR MINDSET AND LIFE. BEFORE LOCKDOWN STARTED, MEGAN WAS ENGAGED IN AN UNHEALTHY LIFESTYLE THAT INCLUDED SMOKING, OVER DRINKING ALCOHOL AND UNDER-EATING. THEN SHE FOUND OUT SHE WAS PREGNANT AND MADE THE DECISION TO INVEST IN HER UNBORN CHILD'S FUTURE BY FACING UP TO HERSELF – QUITTING SMOKING AND DRINKING AND ENGAGING WITH SERVICE STAFF. WHILE CHANGING HER MINDSET TO DEAL POSITIVELY WITH THE PANDEMIC, MEGAN HAS HAD TO COPE WITH HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS FOR IRON DEFICIENCY AND AT ONE STAGE WAS ADMITTED WITH SEPSIS. MEGAN OVERCAME ALL THIS BY FOLLOWING WHAT WAS ASKED OF HER AND STAYING STRONG, FOCUSED ON HER GOAL. SHE IS NOW MOVING INTO HER OWN PROPERTY NEAR HER OWN MOTHER'S HOUSE. MEGAN'S STORY IS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAPACITY TO EMBRACE POSITIVE CHANGE.

**WINNER - BRIGHT FUTURES YOUNG MUM'S NETWORK FOR SHINING A LIGHT ON PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY NETWORK TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUNG MUM'S DURING**