

# Star in the Community Awards 2011



Julian Fordyce



Inspirational residents in Tower Hamlets have been recognised at a community awards ceremony for their dedication to the areas where they live.

The winners of the second annual STAR in the Community Awards were revealed at a celebration in The East Wintergarden, in Canary Wharf, which was hosted by David Orr, chief executive of the National Housing Federation.

The winner of the Spitalfields Inspirational Resident 2011 award was Julian Fordyce from the Dinmont estate. He was nominated by Jerome Lejeune of the Gillman and Cheverell Tenants and Residents Association as well as by Antony Nelson last year's winner. Jerome says:

"What Julian is doing on the estate is positively benefiting the kids who live here. He keeps them off the streets and stops them from getting into trouble. He also brings them together, kids who don't necessarily know each other and might not normally socialise together, that brings the community together, and a close community is much better than people being alienated. The kids making friends brings the adults together too."

He has been supported by Spitalfields Housing Association to carry out this essential role which he has given a lot of his time to over the last two years. Julian wasn't present to collect the award as he is busy in Borneo working with another group of young people- again on a voluntary basis. Julian sent this message to the awards ceremony, where his award was collected by Shomsul Hoque, the Chair of the association.

"Many thanks for this award I am surprised and flattered. Sorry for not being there in person but I am currently working on a 3 month charity project with Raleigh in Borneo developing communities and improving opportunities for underprivileged children. Moving forward I hope this accolade will help me continue to be a good role model for the children on our estate and with the backing of SHA we can make even more of a difference to their lives and the community as a whole in 2012!"

The event was organised by nine housing organisations based in Tower Hamlets to reward hard working residents for the positive impact they have made on the lives of their neighbours through their tireless voluntary actions. Poplar and Limehouse MP Jim Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Rabina Khan, lead member for housing, presented awards to the thirteen winning residents.