

Young Glaswegian Team Win Achievement Award

A group of young people from Glasgow have won an Award for Achievement by employment charity Tomorrow's People.

The charity's Annual Awards for Achievement pay tribute to people who have overcome significant barriers in their quest to get into work, education or training. The team and their leaders attended the awards ceremony at Plaisterers' Hall in central London on Tuesday evening, where they collected their awards amongst much jubilation.

The Fair Group, consisting of 12 young people aged 16-24, make up one of the charity's 'Working It Out' Teams. The Working It Out initiative is a 16 week programme designed to help young people with complex and multiple barriers develop the skills, confidence and motivation they need to move forward with their lives.

As part of the Working It Out initiative, the team have to tackle a challenge within their local community. This particular group were faced with decorating some much-used community rooms in urgent need of attention.

The youngsters overcame their territorial problems to work together towards the successful completion of the task, demonstrating a great level of maturity in putting aside their differences.

The group were so proud of their achievement that their new-found confidence inspired them to travel to a new challenge in an area of Easterhouse that they would not normally have entered.

The next challenge was to replace a nursery's graffiti covered walls with murals designed by the nursery children. Staff, parents and passers-by were delighted with the end result, and consequently the team were featured in a local newspaper for their efforts.

As a result of the Team working together, overcoming territorial issues and individual barriers, five of its members progressed to employment and are currently still employed. Two members entered a training programme, and one young boy is pursuing a National certificate in Sports Coaching at College

Tomorrow's People is a national charity, with a 23-year track record of success in helping people out of long-term unemployment, welfare dependency, and into jobs and self-sufficiency.

Since 1984, the charity has helped change the lives of more than 400,000 people across the UK who had been resigned to long-term, even life-long, unemployment.

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