

Awards and Achievements



Anchor House
working at the heart of homelessness

Michael Whippman Award for Innovation in Homelessness

- 2009 Award for Innovation in the Homeless Sector runner up for use of digital media
- 2008 Award for Innovation in Community Involvement for a resident. Involvement included organising a street cleaning initiative with Police and Local Authority; establishing a Healthy Living Fun Day; developing basic skills, employment skills and citizenship courses for AH and local residents; participating in regeneration projects and raising awareness locally of the 2012 Olympic Games
- 2006 Inaugural Award for innovation in service user involvement for its Residents' Involvement model

Business Awards

- 2009 Thames Gateway Business Awards: Highly Commended in two categories: Best Use of Technology and Diversity in Business categories. Also shortlisted for the Community Award category.
- 2009 Two residents jointly won the City and East London Employment Partnership Award for ' Outstanding Individual Back to Work', the awards were presented by the minister for Transport Jim Fitzpatrick MP on 8 May at a ceremony in the Docklands
- 2009 Healthy Options - Well London Award for Healthy Cooking Methods
- 2009 Winner in the Charity Times Award for Best Use of Technology
- 2009 Finalist in the Third Sector Excellence Awards for Financial Management
- 2008 Thames Gateway Business Awards
 - Commendation for Outstanding Young Person
 - Commendation for Diversity in the Community
- 2007 National Apprentice of the year - Nishard Jones (former resident)
- 2007 Awarded contract to provide financial and management services to a failing charity that has been turned round using Anchor House systems and techniques
- 2009 Commended in the Thames Gateway Business Awards Outstanding Young Person Category (formerly the Apprentice of the Year in 2007)
- Thames Gateway Business Awards - Commended in the Diversity in Business Category

Public Sector Awards

- 2010 Charity Times Awards: Director, Keith Fennett, was Runner up and Highly Commended in the Charity Principal of the Year category
- 2009 Places of Change - award for educational video and staff development.
- 2009 City and East London JobCentre Plus Award for Outstanding Individual back to work - 2 joint winners were residents of Anchor House.

- 2008/11 Places of Change - award of £2.5 million under the Department of Communities and Local Government innovation in homelessness programme : Building Related
- 2007 Access to Excellence - award of £1 million award under the Government sponsored regeneration grant scheme for Canning Town area: Building Related.

Education and Training Awards

- 2010 National Training Award (UK Skills) for Best Individual Trainer awarded to Aggie Chikiwa, our Head of Training and Education – National Winner
- 2010 National Training Award (UK Skills) for Service Delivery, National winner
- 2010 National Training Award for Service (UK Skills) Delivery, Regional winner (Greater London)
- 2010 National Training Award (UK Skills) for Inspiration in Training and Education, Aggie Chikiwa, our Head of Training and Education – National Winner
- 2010 National Training Award (UK Skills) for Inspiration in Training and Education, Aggie Chikiwa, our Head of Training and Education – Regional Winner (Greater London)

Media

- 2009 London Tonight recently featured Anchor House in a programme about the issues surrounding homelessness following a visit by the Duchess of York
- 2008 Featured on ITV for Approaches to Homelessness
- 2007 A Japanese documentary team made a short film capturing the successful approaches of Anchor House, shown in a TV series in Japan about world homelessness
- Attracted international visitors from France, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Belgium and Japan

Representation

- Anchor House is chair of the Single Specialist and Small BME Provider Group for all forms of social problems
- Anchor House is a member of the Steering Group of a National Pilot for ex -offenders - the Diamond Project
- Anchor House is a member of the National Steering Group for Access to Music for disadvantaged communities

Other Achievements

- In addition to these awards, Anchor House has received high praise for its first phase of development including recognition by the Department of Communities and Local Government as a centre of good value and practice.

- Anchor House's continued pursuit of service quality through innovation and the development of new approaches to the rejuvenation of homeless people has seen them working with the 2020 Public Services Trust at the Royal Society of Arts and this week saw the launch of their '2020 Public Safety – Opportunities for Reform' report, which looks at all aspects of Public safety services. This document is a vital contribution as to how services could be delivered in 2020.

The report acknowledged the role played by Anchor House by stating 'Particular thanks go to Linda Maytum –Wilson (Anchor House' Criminal Justice co-ordinator), colleagues and residents at Anchor House, in Newham, twice winners of the Michael Whippman award prize for innovation in homelessness. The discussion groups that they organised with community leaders from the voluntary and community sector were valuable in informing the thinking of this project'.

- 2009 Endeavour Award for Best student at Newham College. Awarded to an Anchor House resident
- In 2009 we got 28 residents into jobs and 49 back into independent living.
- Because we received only one sixth of the Supporting People Grant of other homeless organisations in 2005 we had to think differently, performance management, high expectations, effectiveness and efficiency had to be taken to a new order, hence the above results.