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EAST LONDON BASED CHARITY ANCHOR HOUSE HONOURED AT NATIONAL TRAINING AWARDS 2010

East London based Homeless Charity Anchor House, and Aggie Chikiwa - Anchor House's Head of Education and Training - have been honoured with prestigious National Training Awards in recognition of their outstanding contribution and commitment to training, learning and development in the workplace.

Anchor House and Aggie were presented with two Regional Training Awards for an Individual and an Education and Training Provider, and two National Training Awards for an Individual and an Education and Training Provider, at the Greater London Regional Ceremony, held at Chiswell Brewery on Tuesday 12th October 2010.

Run on behalf of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) by UK Skills, the National Training Awards inspires and encourages UK industry to invest in training and development as a route to achieving outstanding organisational and individual success. Winning an Award is recognition of best practice and provides a benchmark for standards of excellence in training in the UK. City & Guilds is the premier sponsor of the 2010 National Training Awards.

Anchor House is now invited to the National Training Awards 2010 UK Ceremony, being held in London on Wednesday 1st December. At the ceremony, UK Winners will find out whether or not they have won the overall Winner of the Year Award for their category. They will be up against all the other UK Winners from across the UK in competition for these top awards.

Keith Fernett, Director of Anchor House, said: "The four awards are excellent recognition of the work we undertake in Newham. Clearly our achievements and results were evident for the judges to see. In the most deprived part of the Borough we are an entry-level portal that is helping to change people's lives. We

are all delighted, especially for Aggie Chikiwa, our Head of Education and Training.”

Simon Bartley, Chief Executive of UK Skills which manages the National Training Awards said: “I would like to offer congratulations to Anchor House on winning two Regional and two National Training Awards. Achieving these awards is a fantastic achievement and one that Anchor House should be really proud of.

“Now more than ever it is essential for organisations to continue to invest in the development of their community. The UK’s future, after all, can only be strengthened and sustained by people who have the skills needed to meet the demands of today’s globalised economy.”

Anchor House clearly has achievements throughout all aspects of its work.

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From left to right: National Training Awards judge, Maurice Price (Head of Personal Development at Anchor House), Keith Fennett (Director of Anchor House), award winner Aggie Chikiwa (Head of Education and Training), judge.

Editors Note

Anchor House

Anchor House is a Catholic Charity that provides sanctuary and personal development programmes for nearly two hundred people a year regardless of their race, creed, religion and ethnicity.

Anchor House has won two successive Michael Whippman Awards from the national umbrella organisation Homeless Link for Service User Development and Community Involvement. Anchor House is recognised as a centre of good practice by the Government. Anchor House has featured in a documentary on Japanese TV about world homelessness.

Anchor House has won the Charity Times Award for the Best Use of Technology in the UK Charity Sector in 2009, was runner up for the best Financial Management Award in the UK charity Sector in 2009 and has been awarded two Regional and two National Training Awards from the UK Skills Council.

Anchor House receives a Supporting People grant of about a third of other homeless organisations but has a high level of achievement by its residents.

For more information please visit [.anchorhouseuk.org](http://anchorhouseuk.org)

National Training Awards, brought to you by UK Skills

- The National Training Awards recognise those individuals and organisations throughout the UK that have achieved outstanding business and personal success through investment in training. Winning an Award is recognition of best practice and provides a benchmark for standards of excellence in training in the UK.
- Run on an annual basis on behalf of the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills by UK Skills, the Awards are also supported by Skills Development Scotland, The Welsh Assembly Government and the Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland.
- Established in 1987, the National Training Awards are free to enter and are unique because the seven Award categories encompass all sectors, sizes of organisations, training providers and individuals. The Award categories also recognise all types of training from formal qualifications programmes to informal learning and coaching.
- The National Training Awards aim to develop entrants throughout the Awards process, from the advice and self-assessment guidance given at the outset to the constructive feedback given to each entrant after judging. Finalists and Winners of the Awards are honoured through a series of regional networking events and a national ceremony.

For more information please visit www.nationaltrainingawards.com

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