

Youths honoured for service

Inner City London and Jamaican youths awarded as, “Youth Ambassador for Peace”, By the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and the Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP).

On Saturday the 1st of September, the community Thornton Heath got an insight into what true community spirit and unity should be. A diverse group over 50 people from different community organisations and youth groups came together with the same aim under one theme; “Setting the Foundation for Peace”. The started off with a session on ‘Youth Leadership’. The group was able to reflect on their different leadership skills as well as listened to motivational speeches whilst developing a “networking link” One of the speakers Ms Saffron Jackson, a young teacher of the Thornton Heath Community implore the future leaders to “keep their minds focused on what they to achieve” she further explore that “it takes time and commitment, however, it prepares you the individual for a better future.

After such an inspirational session the group moved on to their main task for the day. They descended to their “art project” site where they beautified the walls of a Thornton Heath Nursery. Through arts, the mixed group of youth leaders were able to represent a sense of diversity, peace and harmony.

The Long and excited day’s event concluded with the participants receiving certificates of participation. Special awards were presented to two exceptional young men as ‘Youth Ambassadors for Peace. Jerome Walker, London and Omar C. Richards, Jamaica. The awards were presented in recognition of their contribution to the development of community work with other youths and for living an exemplifying life for the sake of others.

Jerome Walker who attended the programme with his mother and grand-mother was overjoyed and expressed how thankful he was. “This is truly meaningful to me and will inspire me to go much further with the work I have already been doing”.

Whilst an ever smiling Omar C. Richards said “This award will give me the opportunity to continue the tasks of representing the voice-less and standing up for the harmony of the youths in our society today”. Omar further expressed that “This is not for me; it is for the enrichment of others. Putting myself aside and focusing on the ultimate goal. Omar grew in a volatile community of Tivoli Gardens, Kingston, Jamaica he has this to say “Its not about were one comes from it’s about who you are as an individual and what you use your time and skill to do. Keep the dream alive and stand out and be different!!”

Presenter of the awards Ambassador David Chen, implore the youths to keep on striving for excellence and working as one for the benefit of all.

