



Lifetime Achievement Award

Name of individual nominated

Jack Petchey CBE, OBE

1. What organisations/programmes/communities have you impacted during your working life?

Influenced the young people of London and Essex through inspiring them to achieve more and by giving grants to enable 1000's of youth organisations across London and Essex to create opportunities for young people and reward their achievements

2. What were you trying to change? Help us understand the vision, aims and objectives. Please include aspects from the entire span of your working life. (maximum 200 words)

The vision is to enable young people to "think positive", to raise their aspirations, to engage in new activities, to reach their potential and to feel proud of what they have achieved. I established the Achievement Award programme, the SpeakOut Challenge, training young people in public speaking, Step into Dance - enabling young people who would not normally engage in dance to have professional dance training, the Table Tennis Challenge - to promote table tennis across London and many more programmes. Through these we engage young people, we inspire them to develop to their potential, to become contributing active citizens and we try to get positive stories about young people into the media to challenge societies 'deficit' perception of young people.

3. What positive change did you achieve? Please make sure to include aspects from the span of your working life (maximum 200 words)

The Achievement Award programme is now operating in over 2000 schools/youth clubs, investing £2.5 million and rewarding 14,000 young people per year for their achievements. The SpeakOut challenge has trained over 75,000 15 year olds in public speaking and many of these have gone on to become young mayors, elected members of youth parliament etc. Almost 10,000 young people have been trained in dance and performed in high profile venues, many of these were previously excluded from school and through the programme have re-engaged. A unique dance company for young people with special needs has been formed. Thousands of young people have engaged in scout camps or cadet groups and had residential stays at the Petchey Lodge, or aboard the Training Ship Jack Petchey. 1000's of young people are engaged in positive activities and the motto "If you think you can you can" has become embedded in young peoples

thinking countering the often negative self belief that societies negative perception perpetuates.

Additional Nomination Comments from others

Jack Petchey founded The Jack Petchey Foundation 11 years ago <http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/>. During this time he has donated £65 millions to organisations that are involved with young people making a difference, especially to children from poorer backgrounds in London and Essex. The Foundation created the Jack Petchey Academy <http://www.petcheyacademy.org.uk/> which is a secondary school and also assigns grants to stimulate and improve young people's lives. Jack Petchey approached the Royal Academy of Dance in 2007 asking us to create a dance programme for secondary school children. That is how Step into Dance was born <http://www.stepintodance.org/>, a fully inclusive community dance programme. The programme currently runs in 150 secondary schools over 18 London boroughs offering weekly extra -curricula dance lessons to students who would not otherwise have access to quality dance provision. The programme has grown by 500% in four years. From a pilot of 28 schools, it is now a fully inclusive programme and includes Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools and Pupil Referral Units (PRU's). Jack Petchey is a very generous man who believes in young people, their aspirations and skills. The motto he teaches is "If I think I can, I can". One of our Step into dance students created a "Rap for Jack" to wish him happy birthday and say thank you for his great generosity:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VnuxMxEY8g&feature=youtube_gdata_player