



Ethnic Youth Support Team
Tîm Cymorth Ieuencid Ethnig

Annual Report 2008-2009



Chair's Message

*"Only as high as I reach can I grow, only as far as I seek can I go, only as deep as I look can I see, only as much as I dream can I be."
(Karen Ravn)*



*In EYST, we encourage the youth to reach further, look deeper and dream bigger and then help them make those dreams a reality! This is what EYST is about. It is our day to day challenge and pleasure to **help young people achieve their full potential** and become good citizens, who would leave a positive impact in their communities and societies to make this world a better place. This year, EYST has amended its constitution to enable it to expand its work to also support young ethnic minority females. This is such an important area of work and we are very excited that we may now start to develop a culturally appropriate service for these young females to enable them to also fulfil their potential.*

Over the last year, EYST, like any new organization, has had its challenges and its ups and downs; however, due to the dedication of its staff and commitment of its members we have never lost our spirit and goal to make the EYST dream a reality. The highlight for the whole organisation was winning the Overall Top Prize in the Lord Mayor's Community Regeneration Awards 2009. This was truly a recognition for the importance of the work that we do, and this has energised us to try even harder to achieve our goals.

Finally, in looking back over the past ten years, when EYST was just an idea and a dream, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those including funders and partners who helped establish EYST and sustain it throughout its journey to the present day. I hope we will continue to work together to make a positive difference in the lives of young people, their families, communities and future.

*'Thank you' may be a simple and short phrase, but I feel that an infinite amount of words will not be able to show the gratitude that is deserved for this effort that has become EYST.....
In short, Thank you!*



EYST Management Committee

Momena Ali (Chair)
Khaled Hussein (Treasurer)
Fatiha Rahman (Secretary)
Shamim Miah (Vice Chair)

Ashab Ali
Abdul Quayum
Masum Khan



EYST STAFF



Once again, I am proud to be a part of EYST and would like to congratulate the whole team for their continued efforts to make EYST a thriving successful organisation. This has been a challenging year, yet despite this, we have achieved our targets, and will imminently be moving into our brand new Youth Centre to benefit our client group even more. As we look back on how far we have come, and also at the work still to be done, I would like to thank all the partners, funders, individuals, and young people who helped and are still helping to make the EYST vision a reality.

Rocio Cifuentes, EYST Director

I have joined EYST since Jan 2009 and already been part of great achievements. With EYST expanding its constitution to start working with young girls as well as delivering more projects to young males there are so many more exciting times ahead with many more awards to win... **Shehla Khan, EYST Manager**



EYST, EYST, EYST... The last year has been very challenging for EYST. It has been one of the most challenging to date, but through all the challenges and hurdles we have managed to complete the Urban Fix Up Project with the help of Gwalia, Swansea Training Centre, and all our supporters. A special Thank you to the young volunteer trainees and well done for achieving a great Drop In. Through all that, we have got a great team. And we now know for sure that if anyone can EYST can. Insha Allah

Helal Uddin, Senior Youth Worker

I have been working for EYST For five years now and have really enjoyed working with the team and am extremely proud of what we have achieved. The highlight of the year for me was Winning the Lord Mayor's Award for best community safety and Best Overall project. Best of all, we are from the community helping the community in the best way that we can. I am confident that there will be a lot of success in the future. Watch this space.

Nicky Nijjer, Legal Youth Worker



Basically !! A few years on and we are still going strong. Once again a lot has been achieved..Young people have benefited from the workshops and activities , and personally as a worker I have learned a lot. There have been two big highlights to this year—firstly, we now have a state of the art drop in centre for the young people, everything is brand new and everyone is so excited about the new centre—it will be the best! Secondly, we won the best Overall Project Award in the Lord Mayor's Regeneration Awards in Swansea 2009.—this was such a buzz, not just because of the achievement, but also because of the recognition that the whole team got as a result—and I'm sure it's the first of many!

Shahab Miah, Partnership Development Worker

I have now completed my 'initiation' year at EYST and can put my hand on my heart and say that I am thoroughly enjoying my post as Education Youth Worker. Through this, I hope to raise awareness of opportunities and help the young people to access their dreams and realise their full potential. The pinnacle of the year for me has been the completion of the long awaited 'Urban Fix Up Project'. We finally have a home that is a more suitable environment for the young people to access our services or just kick back on a social chill out tip, around the friendly faces they have grown to know and a warm ambient Drop In Cent **Wahid Ali, Education Youth Worker**



I am delighted to be part of this team and to be part of its success. I wish the team all the best for the future. So far so good!

Bernard Presgrave, Admin Worker



The URBAN FIX-UP PROJECT



November 2007...

We won the funding by telephone public vote on November 28th 2007 to do up a new Drop In Centre for our youth. After a round the clock campaign for votes, we were thrilled and a little surprised to beat a North Wales Scout Group to get the cash to fund the Urban Fix Up Project...



August 2008...

After waiting and waiting for planning permission approval for change of use, we were finally able to commence work on Unit B, 11 St Helens Road. 16 young trainees signed up for the challenge, and supported by Gwalla and Swansea Training Centre, they embarked on the full time training in basic construction skills as well doing all the dirty work...



March 2009 !!

After 7 months and over 10,000 volunteer hours later, and the premises is finally almost ready for opening.

With an IT Suite, gym area, Pool Table, Table Tennis Table, Information Zone, & Mentoring & Counselling Rooms.... The Centre is truly state of the art—

It is what our young people asked for and we listened to them and together we have made it.....



The 'SAFE' PROJECT



Winners of the Swansea Lord Mayor Community Regeneration Award 2009 — Best Community Safety Project & Overall Best Project !!!!

The relationship between the Police and EYST has continued to strengthen in 2008-9 and I believe that this relationship has and will continue to benefit all of the communities of Swansea. It has always been my aim to increase the reporting of racial and hate crime, and for this to happen there is a need to build trust with those people in our community who are most at risk of suffering what is a very personal crime. Over the last year a lot more people have come forward and reported such offences against them, in fact we have seen reports more than treble. This does not mean that racist crimes have necessarily increased; I feel it means that what has been happening over many years is now being reported because people have more trust in the Police. I am in no doubts that EYST has played a huge part in this and I am extremely grateful.



It would be wrong of me not to mention that over the last year there has also been some difficult work undertaken between EYST and the Police where there has been some conflict over the actions of my Officers. One of the main reasons for the respect I have for staff working for EYST is their sense of fairness and care they have for their clients. The relationship between the Police and EYST has not prevented staff making some extremely strong representations if they feel there has been an injustice - and rightly so. I am glad to say that we have been able to work through those difficult issues and I am confident that we will continue so.



I could fill this report with facts and figures which evidences the above issues but feel that the best evidence of the success of EYST over the last year is their recognition they received at the Lord Mayors Regeneration awards. Looking back to when we embarked on the SAFE Project, whilst I was happy to support their efforts in any way I have to admit I did not know how it would work out. I am absolutely delighted with their success which is down to their sheer hard work and commitment. Whilst I know there will be challenges ahead, I will always be proud of my association with EYST and wish them all the very best for the future



Chief Superintendent Mark Mathias
South Wales Police



Our Achievements in 2008-9

This year, we have :

- Expanded our constitution to include young females
- Recruited a Director to further develop our service
- Continued with our work in schools across Swansea
- Held 82 school drop in sessions, supporting 669 young people in schools
- Had over 4,000 visits to our Drop In Centre
- Held information & training workshops in partnership with:

South Wales Police

Fire Service

Youth Offending Service

Crime Prosecution Service

Black Environment Network

And many more.....

Reaching Higher Reaching Wider

Local Community Artists

Princes Trust Wales

WGCADA

Gwalia

- Won Best Community Safety Award & Best Overall Project Award in Swansea Lord Mayor's Community Regeneration Awards!!!
- Completed the Renovation work and moved into our BRAND NEW YOUTH CENTRE!
- Reviewed our Business Plan and prepared a new 3 year Business Plan for 2009-12!



Days Gone By (A poem about EYST by an EYST client)

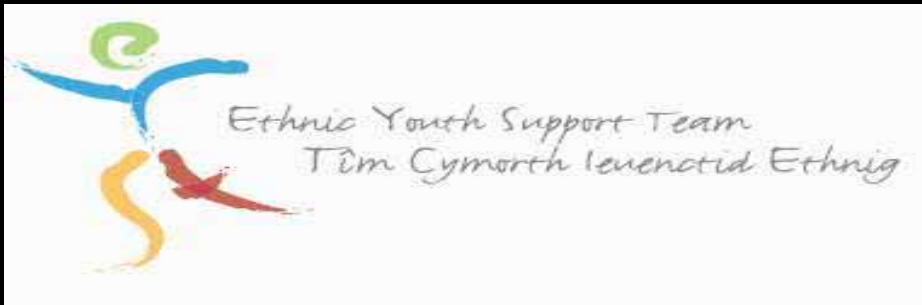
Nowhere to go, nowhere to hide,
Instead we dwindle and die inside.
Nothing to do, nothing to say,
What is there in this world for a young man today?
Blinded by habits, hardened by afflictions,
Dimmed minds, by drug induced addictions.
Troubled and frustrated, lost and confused,
How the talented thoughts were simply abused.
Change was needed drastically,
And appeared as an unknown entity.
Its presence guided through darker times,
Without which all would be blind.
Shelter and aide all come together,
Peers and friends became a merger.
An uncomplicated state had been gained,
From which before, would be refrained.
Vision bettered, welcomed embraces,
How enhanced people look with smiles on their faces.
Games were played meals were shared,
Under one roof all was all was bared.
The sanctuary was safe for a while,
All was good all problems put aside.
Joviality was the dish of the day,
And sometimes a good old hard pray.

Connections made between young and old,
Feelings held deep in the heart but never told.
The powers that be made the good into the past
As with all fine things they never last,
The powers that be made the good into the past.
Lost again a little confused,
Still no giving up battered and bruised.
Another age another place,
Endeavours made to stay in the race.
Struggled and fought hard and long,
Moved around constantly seems so wrong.
Ventures chanced and fortunes gained,
The effort put in was finally repaid.
Fresh design and adventure looming,
The horizon appears to be booming.
Hopefully so as it will be needed,
As words are spoken must be heeded.
Once more a beginning has began,
Maybe this will be the last one.
Strength as a faction once more attained,
Maybe this time it is here to stay.
All for one and one for all,
A reminiscent musketeer call.
Stand united side by side,
Is a vision to which all should abide.
PEACE.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Period from 1 Apr 08 to 31 Dec 08	Year to 31 Mar 08
	£	£
GRANTS		
Other Income	145,230	122,240
Bank interest receivable	100	1,007
	138	-
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EXPENDITURE	145,468	123,247
Wages and salaries	91,466	65,850
Training	479	1,174
Visits / Events	172	4,527
Clothing Costs	-	881
Rent	10,762	6,000
Utilities	600	300
Insurance	-	664
Repairs and maintenance	3,786	335
Travel	2,333	2,616
Telephone	311	728
Printing, stationery and postage	1,239	1,052
Sundry expenses	249	106
Refreshments	593	794
Advertising and Publicity	612	100
Recruitment Expenses	464	4,516
Consultancy Fees	3,500	9,577
Legal and professional fees	5,003	3,473
Equipment Purchased	-	13,800
Storage Expenses	1,830	-
Accountancy fees	1,294	480
Depreciation of office equipment	1,731	-
Bank charges	92	81
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SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	126,516	117,054
	18,952	6,193



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