



Annual Report 2006-2007



Chair's Message



It gives me great pleasure to be presenting this annual report illustrating EYST's achievements over the last year. EYST has been thriving and increasing the ethnic diversity of its client group to reflect the ever growing diversity of the locals in Swansea.

We held an official launch in February, which was very well attended and brought together many people from all sectors as well as diverse backgrounds. The evening was a joyful celebration of EYST's hard work, enthusiasm and dedication and the deliverance of its support service. EYST continues to grow strong by actively seeking and forming new partnerships with volunteer and public sectors from all disciplines across South Wales.

The new drop-in club has been a great success which is reflected by its huge popularity amongst the youth. Yet it doesn't stop here and the story continues, and as new chapters evolve, EYST evolves to bring even more excitement to this unique project for the future investment of our youth.

As I step into the chairs role I can see a bright learning future for our youth and many developmental opportunities for all of us. Truly EYST is a leading example from within Wales. It would give me great satisfaction and pleasure to be part of such an organisation that is committed to helping the youth to meet their needs. My overall objective is to create a safer and better living and working environment and to share my skills, experience and knowledge in achieving this as chair for EYST.

Finally I look forward to the challenges we in EYST will undoubtedly be facing in the coming year. Together we will prevail, at which point I would like to thank our supporters, volunteers and all our funders for their invaluable contributions and support, and I would like to extend a special thanks to SBREC for their support in administrative support and assistance.

*Masood Yousef
EYST Chair*

EYST is a unique, beneficiary-led voluntary organisation whose management committee is made up of at least 51% ethnic minority young males aged under 25. It was set up in 2005 to fill a gap in provision and provide targeted and culturally appropriate mentoring, information and support to ethnic minority young males living in and around Swansea, in the areas of health, education, employment, citizenship and community safety.

Management Committee

Masood Yousef
Chair

Farhad Ali
Vice Chair

Shereen Williams
Treasurer

Noor Uddin
Vice Treasurer

Miranda Metha
Secretary

Mamunoor Roshid
Vice Secretary

Yusuf Williams
Specialist Advisor

Shahab Bari
Youth Advisor

Shamim Miah
Youth Advisor

Key Achievements of 2006-07

- Establishment of New Office & Drop In Centre
- **574 Visits** made to Drop-In Centre from January-March 2007 (Average 191 per month)
- Weekly Drop In service at 5 local Schools & Colleges
- Partnerships established with Local and National Government
- EYST co-ordinate South West Wales BME Youth Forum on behalf of **Welsh Assembly Government**
- EYST exhibit art work in National Museum of Wales, Cardiff and National Waterfront Museum
- Successful Launch Party at George Hall, Swansea with over 100 professionals and 100 young people in attendance
- **Highly Commended** in Swansea Lord Mayor Community Regeneration Awards 2007
- **Highly Commended** in UK Wide Peace Mala Awards 2006



Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru
Welsh Assembly Government

Peace Mala

Partnerships

This year we continued to strengthen and develop our successful partnership working with:

- Swansea Bay Race Equality Council
- South Wales Police
- Crime Prosecution Service
- HMP Prison
- NHS Sure Start
- Welsh Assembly Government
- West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (WGCADA)
- Swansea Substance Misuse Action Team
- Mid & West Wales Fire Service
- Pentrehafod School
- Bishop Gore School
- Olchfa School
- Swansea College
- Gorseinon College
- Young People's Partnership Swansea
- Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS)
- Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations (CEMVO)
- Swansea Council Ethnic Mentoring Service
- National Waterfront Museum, Swansea



EYST Staff



I took on the role of EYST's Project Manager in June 2006, and I can certainly say it's been a whirlwind since then. This organisation will not stand still – and this is down to the energy and passion that drives it from the grassroots upwards, as well as the dedication and commitment from

all the staff and management committee. An office move and the refurbishment of our new drop-in centre kept us busy during the Autumn of 2006, and client visits to the drop in centre since then have been growing and growing. We have developed new and strong partnerships this year, and hope to build on our strong start. It is heartening to realise that we have in fact achieved almost all of our objectives which were set in our last Annual Report, and this gives us hope and confidence that we can also achieve those which we set for the forthcoming year. I am proud to be part this organisation which I believe is setting a standard for youth participation and true community engagement, not only in Swansea, but across Wales.

Rocio Cifuentes, EYST Project Manager



We have come a long way again, there is so much room for expansion and making the organisation stronger and stronger. So much has been achieved over the last year – from working in partnership and liaising with different groups and organisations to bene-

fit the young people

At the same time, the drop in centre has been established as a centre where young people can come and relax or get relevant help. Through the drop in centre many young people receive benefits such as help with education, training, employment and health living. Among some of the activities in the drop in centre are such projects like the Homework Club, Educational workshops and trips.

My highlight of the year would be the Graffiti Project we did with the Waterfront Museum. It was fun, educational, and best of all we got accreditation for the work we did. Also our work was displayed in Swansea Museum and National Museum in Cardiff, and is still up there

Shahab Miah, Education Youth Worker



Hello Everyone!
We are over two years old now! This means we are two years more mature and experienced, and improved in quality, diversity and bigger. Having established partnerships with Health, Education, CPS, and having had

a very successful EYST launch party in February, I have to say humbly that I am very proud of all the staff, management, and especially all the young people for what we have achieved and all the things we are going to achieve in the future, god willing (Insha Allah). We all need to take things to a different level, through hard work and with lots of patience...It's nice to see that other organisations are recognising us more, especially being stopped on the streets and receiving compliments. What can I say, we are EYST and we are a breath of fresh air to everyone...

Helal Uddin, Senior Youth Worker



Since I started my role at EYST as a youth worker I have been a link between mainstream health organisations and the ethnic minority young people. We have also carried out health surveys to see what the young people knew about health provisions and their own health. WE have also carried out workshops such as Drug Awareness, Healthy Eating, Smoking Cessation, and we have a specialist substance misuse worker coming to our drop in once a week. We have built strong partnerships with local schools and with Swansea prison. It makes me extremely proud to work for an organisation which is going from strength to strength. I now strongly believe if EYST can't do something it can't be done!

Nicky Nijjer, Health Youth Worker

Successful Partnerships

Sure Start BME Young Men's Health Project



NHS Surestart's BME men's health project is a Cymorth funded project to address health inequalities through health promotion and aims to facilitate healthy choices and healthy behaviours in BME young males. In partnership with EYST, we designed a questionnaire health survey for the client group. Between February and April 2007 we engaged with over 300 individuals and carried out 150 health assessments in over 20 sessions in 5 different schools. A further 22 health assessments were carried out with more hard to reach young men such as late night restaurant workers. We are now assessing the results, and this is the first time that any data has been collected to measure health levels amongst ethnic minority young males in Swansea. Based on our results, we are planning a range of health promotion activities for the next year in different settings, including schools, drop-in and outreach. I have to personally thank the EYST team for all the hard work they have done and look forward to working together over the coming year.



Yusuf Williams, Specialist Health Visitor for BME Young Men, Sure Start, Swansea NHS

Swansea College Drop-In Service

EYST first contacted us in December 2006, asking if they could provide a drop in service for ethnic minority students on a weekly basis. EYST offer culturally relevant support to our students who were suffering with personal problems and also assist us in communicating with the student's parents/guardians by offering a translation service and help us to identify any cultural barriers that may exist. The drop in service they provide has proved very popular with our students, it is really good to have a positive figure visit our students on a weekly basis to check with the students how they are progressing on their course, and discuss any problems they may be experiencing with them. EYST offer a huge support to Swansea College staff too, identifying any issues that the students may raise, translating information to parents, acting as a mentor/support to any student with any personal problems. The experience for Swansea College has been very positive, we value the service provided by EYST and are grateful for the support offered.

Anne Pitman, Student Services Manager, Swansea College



Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea Partnership 2007

Recently, we have worked with EYST to help run a homework club and Higher Education advice session every week for EYST's service users.



Discovery

This has really benefited the SUs, who became really interested once they met us and 'got into it', heightening their understanding in the subject areas discussed. It is also

SU-led; the SUs decide what they want to talk about. This, of course, has a flip-side: it benefits the student volunteers too, as we feel a sense of achievement when the SUs learn as a result of our efforts, and we can also learn about other cultures. We get a real sense of achievement from knowing that we made a difference... and the lads are great to work with!

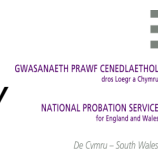
Luke Anderson, Vice President, Discovery Student Volunteering



CPS Engagement Programme

The South Wales Criminal Justice Board (SWCJB) and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) met over a year ago with EYST to chat about forging constructive links with minority communities in Swansea. We hoped to offer information and maybe explore the possibility of future projects. From that initial meeting, has grown a very productive and positive relationship which little did we know would really illustrate what community engagement is all about! For the SWCJB and its agencies the ability to engage in a sustained and meaningful way with the communities it serves, is a key priority in building confidence and understanding in the services we deliver to our public. The boys have visited a number of agencies over the last year and have shown a real interest and knowledge on the issues affecting youngsters. Information and opportunities to share experiences have and are being developed to benefit everyone. We have only just begun the journey and are planning further more long-term projects together. We aim to apply what we have learned in this project to ensure the next one will be better!

Peter Morgan, Community Engagement Officer, CPS



National Waterfront Museum Islamic Urban Street Art Project

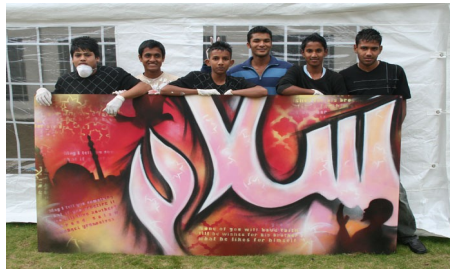
EYST and the National Waterfront Museum Wales teamed up to undertake an exciting Urban Street Art project. This was a five month art and cultural heritage project that drew on participants' faith and passion for urban art and aimed to create art works that fuse Islamic script with graffiti. By exploring the themes of heritage, art and culture, the project aimed to break down traditional barriers that stop young people from visiting museums.



Intensive graffiti workshops held in the National Waterfront Museum, Swansea, IT research workshops, and a trip to Birmingham Think Tank Museum and the first legalized graffiti park in the UK, enabled the group to create four fantastic 8ft by 4ft works of art and two graffiti works on canvas (pictured).

Their works were displayed as part of the Festival of Muslim Culture, from 18th November to December 06 at the Waterfront Museum, Swansea, and is currently on display at the National Museum Wales, Cardiff as part of the On Common Ground final exhibition. The 10 participants also gained an OCN certificate for their work.

Sue James, Outreach Learning Officer, National Waterfront Museum



Client Case Studies

My name is Wazha Mabophiwa. I am 12 years old. I have been in Swansea for 10 months. I am from Botswana in Africa. When I came here I was being bullied by some of the boys and the EYST helped me in school with the boys. Now every day I go to their drop in centre cause there are not many places where we can hang out. I hope they keep on helping me in the future.

My name is Sunny. I have been with this organisation from day one. I was approached by Nicky on the street after I was going to have a fight, I was a bit drunk and raring to go. Since being here I've been able to understand different cultures and religions which will go a long way in my life. The staff here have helped me countless times to get a job by providing me with numbers, application forms and information on organisations. I've now got a job and I'm doing quite well for myself. I can now provide for my 2 beautiful babies and that in itself is a natural high. I would just like to thank the original nuttahs and the rest of the EYST committee and members for helping me realise that having a life and making a future for myself is more important than killing and intoxicating myself everyday.



My name is Shahien. I have been in contact with EYST for about 3 to 4 months. In that time they have helped me immensely with my socialising skills and this has brought about a new confidence in me which enables me to do things that I would not have otherwise. I have been to many workshops which gave me information and this has opened my eyes to what is available. I come to the EYST centre regularly and will continue to do so.

Future Objectives for EYST

- Secure larger Premises for Office and Drop-In Centre
- Establish **Community Safety Programme**
- Recruit **New Workers** for EYST
- In line with amended constitution, expand EYST work across **Wales** where it is needed
- Hold a Wales-wide **BME Youth Citizenship and Networking Conference**
- Undertake **Russell Commission**-funded Feasibility Study into **Ethnic Minority Youth Volunteering**
- Develop a website and newsletter
- Continue to develop **new partnerships** with relevant projects and agencies, including: Show Racism the Red Card; Gwalia Housing; Keeping in Touch (KIT) Strategy; Community Safety Agencies; Ethnic minority organisations
- Continue to develop BME Youth Forum on behalf of **Welsh Assembly Government**
- Continue to work closely with **Young People's Partnership** to increase ethnic minority youth participation and representation in local and national initiatives

EYST Financial Statement

Income & Expenditure Statement for the year as at 31st March 2007

	2005/06	2006/07
Income	55,557.00	76,270.15
Restricted Fund	-	4,910.00
Balance b/f		5,085.13
Total	55,557.00	86,265.28
Expenses		
Salaries	41,131.67	60,489.03
Consultancy	-	1,166.00
Rent	3,000.00	2,800.00
Storage	-	990.00
Training	627.00	70.00
Computer	477.13	409.98
Premises Expenditure	248.80	5,692.53
Travel	808.40	1,201.34
Phone	356.84	585.13
Visits/Events	1,528.00	2,814.50
Insurance	611.87	637.42
Utilities	412.73	-
Furniture	-	1,934.41
Office Stationery	126.39	1,045.88
Equipment for Drop-in	877.51	-
Petty Cash /Miscellaneous	265.53	295.00
Total	50,471.87	80,131.22
Expenditure on Restricted Funds	-	1,250.00
Restricted Fund c/f	-	3,660.00
Reserve	5,085.13	2,474.06





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