

Press Release

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Young people celebrated at CMeB+ (See Me Be Positive) Youth Awards

Inspirational young people from Ballyclare and Rural Newtownabbey were commended for their achievements at the first CMeB+ (See Me Be Positive) Youth Awards held at Mossley Mill on Wednesday night.

The awards, organised by the Ballyclare and Rural Newtownabbey Locality Planning Group and funded by Newtownabbey Borough Council, recognised local young people's efforts to make life better for others.

There were three age categories and one overall award for the CMeB+ Young People's Champion.

The winners included:

- Amy Campbell, winner of the 8-11 year age category, who impressed judges with her commitment to helping care for her mother and brother
- Hannah Drummond, winner of the 12-15 year age category, who was celebrated as a positive role model for her peers
- Rachel Wolff, winner of the 16-18 year age category, who wowed judges with her enthusiastic work volunteering and fundraising for a range of projects.

The overall winner and CMeB+ Young People's Champion was Rachel Wolff.

Commenting on the young people's achievements Adelyn Carr, Chair of the Ballyclare and Rural Newtownabbey Locality Planning Group said: "The evening had such a buzz, it was excellent to see the young people rewarded for their hard work. Young people have been involved in this event from stage one, throughout planning and helping out on the evening, and the young performers really showcased local talent."

Alderman Fraser Agnew, Mayor of Newtownabbey Borough Council said: "We often hear about young people in a negative light, so it is great to see so many young people nominated because of the positive impact of their achievements. Many of us could take example from these young people who have overcome hurdles to achieve and develop, help out others and give up their time to make a difference. I would like to congratulate you all on your achievements and am delighted that the Council has been able to support this initiative."

The Ballyclare and Rural Newtownabbey Locality Planning Group is one of a number of locality-based partnerships within the Northern Area Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP), led by the Health and Social Care Board. The CYPSP is a multi-agency partnership that includes the leadership of key statutory

agencies and community and voluntary organisations that have a responsibility for improving the lives of children and young people in Northern Ireland.

More details about all the award winners and photos from the awards ceremony are available at www.cypsp.org