



Welcome to the new Young Achievers Trust newsletter!

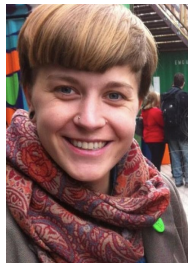
Our new newsletter is designed to fill you in on all that we've been up to, introduce you to our Trustees, and feature exciting opportunities for young people with a few of our favourite organisations. It'll also keep you posted on ways in which you can get involved with us in the future.

If you'd like to find out more about us or contribute to the next newsletter email info@youngachievers.co.uk for more information.

Recent Young Achievers News

The Awards – The Trustees met in December to shortlist inspirational young people for this year's awards. We were very impressed with the standard of nominees and can't wait to celebrate achievements at this year's ceremony in March. We're contacting all nominators to let them know if their nominee has been shortlisted so keep an eye on your emails!

Money Can't Buy Prizes – As part of our awards package we like to offer prizes and opportunities for winners. These range from tea at the House of Lords to workshops to internships. Visit the 'Get Involved' section of our website to find out how you can help!



Meet the Trustees

Hi! I'm Caroline and I am one of the Trustees at Young Achievers Trust. As you may or may not know, YAT is a youth led charity with the board of Trustees all made up of young people – which is quite unusual these days. But what does being a Trustee actually mean? Well, we as a board are responsible for over-seeing all of the work YAT does, that we best use our resources to support amazing young people doing great things in their community and that the charity meets legal and financial requirements.

On top of that, because YAT is run entirely on a volunteer basis with no paid staff, we as Trustees actually deliver all the work ourselves as well as over-seeing it. So we're pretty hands on! My role on the Board is heading up the Programmes and Support side of things, along with fellow Trustee Anna Burton. In a nut shell, we lead on running the annual Young Achievers Awards – finding great prizes, setting up the celebration event and finding ways in which we can support the young people we award for their achievements.

I got involved with YAT nearly two years ago and I would be lying if I said that being a Trustee wasn't challenging at times (what with a day job, other commitments and general life!) However, looking back over the past couple of years, I have learnt so much about the practicalities of running a charity. Before I never truly appreciated the fine art that is taking great ideas from the board room and finding a way to actually make them a reality with limited resources and time.

But, most importantly, I have been able to meet and support incredible young people who are doing so much to help others (check out our case studies online). Running the Awards is extremely humbling and, amidst all the doom and gloom of recession, riots, conflict and unemployment, so inspiring – cliché maybe but definitely true. And if I can do something to help support young people to do even more well, that just makes my ever increasing to-do list seem less daunting.

Opportunities

Young Persons' Volunteering Fund

The fund supports volunteering projects led by 14-25 year olds that transform community amenities and green spaces. Grants are available in England and Wales and can provide up to £10,000 towards project costs. Follow this link for application deadlines and more information:
www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering.

Starbucks Youth Action

This opportunity offers young people aged 16-24, from 10 cities across the UK, the chance to receive grants of up to £2,000 to run a community change project in their local area. Along with the funding, Starbucks can also provide staff volunteers and help with refreshments. Visit UK Youth's website for more information and to apply:
[@sbuxyouthaction](http://www.ukyouth.org).

International Citizen Service

Skillshare International are offering 18-22 year olds the opportunity to spend three months volunteering in Africa or India learning new skills and fighting global poverty. ICS helps young people develop important skills such as team-working, communication and decision-making; important skills for finding a job. Back in the UK young people are encouraged to continue volunteering. Find out more online:
<http://www.skillshare.org/ICS>



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