

Robin Lockhart - Biography:

Kids Count Inspiration Award Winner 2008
Mayor Of London Team London Award Winner 2012

Robin began his career as a qualified and experienced Youth and Community Development professional after spending many years working in the professional Creative Industries (where he ran several music and arts focussed organisations). Robin holds a BA(Hons) in Informal and Community Education from Christchurch University - Canterbury. Robin is from a family that includes multiple ethnicities and faiths and has utilised his background to enable him to provide effective engagement to diverse communities through his Social Enterprise, Catalyst In Communities (www.cicuk.eu). Robin has many years of experience as a Trainer and Practitioner; involved in numerous Youth & Community projects focussed on areas of acute need.

Robin founded and developed Newham Restorative Justice Network (the UK's first youth led restorative practice project), which received international accolades for its model of full youth inclusion and participation. The project worked with young people affected by Guns, Gangs, Knives and street crime to seek peaceful solutions to conflict situations. NRJN engaged victims, those who have offended, been witnesses and those otherwise affected (friends / family / neighbours /community members) in 1:1 and group work sessions, as well as a range of positive activities to resolve the issues faced. <http://www.youtube.com/robinlockhart#p/a/u/0/v9kBLcnZkPI>
NRJN was based at The Mix (an award winning youth centre) that Robin developed: <http://youtu.be/y3IffyMnWQ0>

Robin has also supported the UK's YoungStars (www.youngstars.me) since they launched their Peace Campaign in 2011 at London's O2 Arena - live on BBC Worldwide News: <http://youtu.be/HKs5GQpwoHs>

YoungStars is a youth led group campaigning for an end to the plague of street violence affecting our youth. In 2012 one of the YoungStars (Voltaire Taiwo deCampos) won the Dalai Llama's Youth Compassion Award.

In 2013 YoungStars were awarded the VInspired London Team Award for their voluntary work with other young people:

See: http://youtu.be/g6WjOtG-6nw?list=PLkDwB8S5ar8DCb7yaXAr_FVMxQnRJ2JPJ

Robin has often managed to combine his skills to bring the creative industry world and the youth / community development fields together. The following video was made through London Action Trust:

<http://youtu.be/Qz8FiffRCNc?list=PL49AF933D2042902A>

Robin has developed a reputation as an outstanding specialist professional, offering project management, training, research, evaluation and front-line delivery services to communities; with a long-standing personal commitment to Diversity, Equality and Peace Initiatives - particularly relating to programmes involving Young People.

“The Youth of the World today are the Leaders of the world tomorrow and I feel strongly that we must invest time, energy and funds in them NOW to make sure that they lead the world in the right direction and so they can look after us older ones properly!”