

'Whoinspiresu' contest winner... Rosalyn Yake!

Gold Award holder Rosalyn Yake was so inspired during her volunteer visit to the Olcott Memorial School in India last summer, that when she heard of the 'Whoinspiresu' contest challenging females aged 16-35 to produce a video about inspiration, she had to enter her story.

Rosalyn's journey, which featured in the October 2008 issue of *Award World*, was organised with an Indian delegate from the 2005 International Gold Event, which challenged Gold Award holders to make an impact on global poverty.



Located in India's southern state of Tamil Nadu, the Olcott Memorial School provides free education to the children of impoverished neighbourhoods, and runs the Award Programme to encourage its students to reach their potential.

Harnessing votes from the Award family around the world to get her video nominated as the most inspirational, Rosalyn launched a campaign through the Award's fan page on Facebook and bagged first place with 24,000 votes! The \$10,000 prize will now go towards establishing a registered charitable scholarship foundation for the Olcott School and every year, an Olcott Award participant will receive \$1,000 for their post-secondary education.

Rosalyn says, "this is a strong indication of what the Award Programme is capable of, and how we can work together as a group to mitigate the global pandemic of poverty."

Launch of the Award in Belize

We're pleased to announce that with the help of Award champion Cynthia Ellis-Topsey, a former CARICOM diplomat, the Programme has now been launched in Belize, a country located on the Caribbean coast of central America. Saint Michael's College has now been licensed as an Independent Operator and an official ceremony took place on 7 August 2009, which was hosted by the British High Commissioner.

This formal launch, which aimed to promote the Award and introduce the Programme to potential Award participants, saw a total of 41 newly trained leaders presented with their certificates and pins. We wish them all the best of luck and look forward to hearing about their progress in future issues of *Award World*!

Taking to the high seas!

Despite the rather wild winds in the English Channel, Gold Award participant Petal Adams-Nedd experienced some beautiful coastal sailing when completing the Residential Section of her Award in August 2008. Flying from Antigua to the UK for a watchleader training course and subsequent voyage from Southampton to London, Petal was on board *Tenacious*, one of two magnificent tall ships owned and operated by the Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST).

Any voyage over five days can be used to complete the Residential Section of the Gold Award and thanks to a new and exciting partnership between the Award and JST, participants can now choose to do this Section in conjunction with the JST's Youth Leadership @ Sea Scheme.

Established in 1978, the JST aims to promote the integration of able bodied and disabled people through the challenge and adventure of tall ship sailing. Like the Award, the Youth Leadership @ Sea Scheme helps to develop leadership and communication skills and build confidence in 16-25 year olds. Participants complete a series of fun but challenging tasks that help develop their seamanship and teamwork skills.

Bursary funding of up to £300 per applicant is available and participants get to sail on one of the only two ships in the world, specifically designed to enable people of all abilities to sail side-by-side on equal terms. Despite the constant rain, Petal said, "The voyage was a great way to meet new friends and to push yourself beyond your limits!"

For more details on the JST and how to book a voyage, visit www.jst.org.uk or email sales@jst.org.uk.



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