



And finally...

LUTON'S youngsters are again putting the town on the map for all the right reasons.

Only weeks ago members of the Mitalae Youth Association won a national award and this week they've done it again.

In a ceremony in London the Mitalae Summer School Project was presented with the Philip

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Lawrence Award for outstanding achievement in the community.

The gong was handed to three girls from the youth group by the TV newsreader Sir Trevor McDonald - and that's Home Secretary Charles Clarke on the left of the picture.

They also won £1,000 prizemoney which they



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will use to help develop the project further and recruit 15 more volunteers. The awards, supported by the Home Office and run by children's charity 4Children, were set up in memory of the headteacher who was killed ten years ago while trying to stop a fight outside his London school.

They were designed to celebrate outstanding citizenship by groups of young people aged 11 to 20 in projects that help promote community safety and counter crime, violence and racism.

The Mitalae summer school provides kids with sports activities and games, swimming trips, martial arts, residential programmes, drama and film production and volunteering chances.



They're grrrrrrrrrrreat!
A Luton swimming school made a splash when it was named the best in the country by the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA).
Emerald Road-based Luton Penguins Swim Schools picked up the Swimmastic award for the top private swim school in England, to the delight of owner Sherrie Hurcombe. The school holds classes at Lealands High School and Chalfney High School for Girls. Some of its swimmers have gone on to compete at county and national level.
Sherrie launched Luton Penguins in 2000 after many years of teaching swimming and is pictured receiving her award from Tony the Tiger (Frosties sponsor the awards).

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