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## ROYAL SALUTE FOR LUTON YOUTH GROUP

### Palace invite follows accolade

A youth group from Luton is to receive the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Services.

The Mitalee Youth Association, which is based in Waldeck Road, was established 20 years ago with the aim of helping young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

It is unique in that it is run by young people for young people. Its main objectives are to provide information on opportunities and raise the profile of issues that affect young people.

The group also helps youngsters to develop personal, social and practical skills and promotes activities that encourage social inclusion, tolerance and understanding of differences.

The Queen's Award was originally set up to mark the Queen's Jubilee year and is designed to give recognition to the unsung heroes of communities across the country.

Mitalee was selected from a total of almost 700 entries nationally and was felt to have made an invaluable contribution to the community.

Three members of the group have been invited to a reception at St James's Palace to be attended by the Queen and other members of the Royal Family on July 19.

For the full story, see the June 16 edition of the Luton News.

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Well done: the royal award is a toast to the group's hard work

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