

Leith girl wins Prince's Trust award

✘ PRINCE OF WALES CELEBRATES YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACHIEVEMENTS AT STAR-STUDED CEREMONY

Naomi Johnston, 27, from Leith won the Mappin and Webb Young Ambassador of the Year Award after overcoming homelessness, a violent attack and a chaotic lifestyle to become a Prince's Trust Young Ambassador and using her own experiences to inspire and support other young people.

HRH The Prince of Wales was joined by a host of celebrities yesterday, at The Prince's Trust & Samsung Celebrate Success Awards, which recognised young people who have overcome issues such as abuse, drug addiction, homelessness and depression.

Dame Helen Mirren, *Homeland* star Damian Lewis and *Luther* actor Idris Elba were among guests gathered at London's Leicester Square Odeon to pay tribute to young people who have transformed their lives with the help of youth charity The Prince's Trust.

Dame Helen Mirren DBE said:- "All the young people here today are truly inspirational. Their remarkable stories have blown me away. Naomi has overcome a great deal and I feel very privileged to have met her and presented her with this Prince's Trust award. She has shown that with resilience and hard work you really can reach your potential and be an inspiration to other young people."

Justin Stead, CEO of Mappin & Webb, said:- "I would like to offer my most heartfelt congratulations to Naomi for winning the Mappin & Webb Young Ambassador of the Year Award. She is a fantastic Young Ambassador for The Prince's Trust and I wish her every success in the future."

Television presenters, Ant & Dec hosted The Prince's Trust & Samsung Celebrate Success Awards in front of the youth charity's founder and president, HRH The Prince of Wales, and a 1,500 strong audience.

Other stars in attendance included rapper Tinie Tempah, producer Mark Ronson, actor Sam Claflin, presenter Laura Whitmore, actress Helen McCrory, interior designer Kelly Hoppen, and journalist Katie Adie OBE.

Athlete Victoria Pendleton attended having been earlier presented with a CBE by HM The Queen at Buckingham Palace. Laura Mvula, BRITs Critics Choice Award 2013 nominee, also performed at the event.

Youth charity The Prince's Trust helps disadvantaged young people to get their lives on track. It supports 13 to 30 year-olds who are unemployed and those struggling at school and at risk of exclusion. Three in four young people supported by The Trust move into work, education or training.

Samsung and The Prince's Trust are now calling on local people to raise money to help more young people like Naomi. Text TRUST RED to 70555 to donate or visit www.samsunggoesred.co.uk to find out more*.