

## **IGT\_FOI\_04\_ 6330-Channel S Awards**

I require copies of all correspondence from any Tower Hamlets email address, and details of any telephone calls, and copies of any letters between Council officers or advisors acting in any capacity, in respect of the 'Channel S awards'.

The Council was a sponsor along with a number of other local sponsors including Canary Wharf Group PLC, Pride of Asia, JMG, Dot Print and others.

The sponsorship was for a community awards set of prizes and as you can see from the attached Awards Programme details of the awards the council presented but there were other awards set out below given by other sponsors.

The first award was for Achievement in GCSE Education – Councillor Rania Khan presented.

The second award was Achievement in A Level Education against sponsored by Tower Hamlets; the Mayor of Tower Hamlets presented this award.

The third award was Achievement in Education as a Graduate the Mayor presented a trophy and the fourth award was for Academic Excellence in Research and Teaching and the Mayor presented that Trophy.

The fifth award for contribution to community in the UK the trophy was presented by a Dot Print and Design representative.

The Council paid £10,000 towards the whole event as a sponsor (see invoice). This gave the council entitlement to sponsor 4 awards in the education field to local students and it also covered promotional material regarding the awards ceremony and acknowledgement of the Council as a sponsor.

Channel S is a well used medium amongst the Bengali population and research in the 2009 ICM showed that up to 60% of local heritage Bengali population watch Channel S over the course of the month.

The purpose of the awards was to celebrate the achievements in a range of important categories including:-

- Contribution to the community in the UK 1 x 3 Awards
- Contribution to community in Europe 1 Award
- GCSE, A Levels, Graduate, Academic Excellence (Research/Teaching) 1 x 4 Awards
- Best in Community Organisation 1 Award
- Shah Abdul Karim Award for contribution to the Arts and Culture
- Contribution to Sports 1 Award

The judges were independent and were drawn from the Bengali Community from Channel S. Our councillors were not part of the judging team.

We enclose copies of invoices and correspondence. We do not have any details of telephone calls or any other letters.