

WFWP Watford/UK wins Watford Celebration's Special Achievement Award

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“For over 10 years the Watford Celebration has held an annual community event in Watford bringing together the various faith and ethnic groups of the town in a day of celebration and friendship. The Watford Celebration team has gone through various challenges over the years but has kept going due to the determined commitment of its committee members, the high popularity of the event and the support of the Watford Borough Council.

Every year, the Elected Mayor and the Chairman of the Watford Borough Council host the Audentior Awards, an event which recognises and celebrates outstanding dedication shown by organisations and individuals in Watford.



This year, the Watford Celebration committee was chosen for the ‘Special Achievement Award’ one of the categories of the Audentior Awards.

On Friday evening October 7, 2016, the crème de la crème of Watford gathered together on this special occasion at the Watford Colosseum, the largest public venue of the town. The evening started with a reception with drinks and canapés followed by welcoming remarks from Elected Mayor Baroness Dorothy Thornhill MBE, some entertainment and a delicious and exquisite meal afterwards. All the award winners sat around tables at the front close to the table of the Mayor, the

Chairman of the Council and various officials. This year, over seventy candidates had applied for the Audentior Awards making it a hard choice to select 7 candidates for the 7 Audentior Awards categories. Each of the winners were introduced by a short movie clip describing their extraordinary contributions and accomplishments. As Chair of the Watford Celebration Rev Dr Geoffrey Calvert together with Farzana Chaudry who had nominated us went on stage to receive our award.

Afterwards raffle prizes were drawn in aid of a charity chosen by the Chair of the Council. Most of the Watford Celebration team was present including some of the volunteers and their spouses.

We took several photos together. As the Treasurer of Watford Celebration, I

was very pleased when several Councillors came to me to congratulate us and to offer their support for next year. The Audentior Award has raised the profile of Watford Celebration and has made us known and recognised by the town at large.

Now, we have no choice but to keep going and start to think about organizing Watford Celebration 2017!

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P.S. Above picture: Watford Celebration Committee members and volunteers together with Mayor Dorothy Thornhill MBE.