

MEDIA INVITE

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CREATIVE TALENT TO BE CELEBRATED AT NASUWT'S 'ARTS & MINDS' AWARD CEREMONY

Regional finalists in the NASUWT's 'Arts & Minds' competition will travel to London tomorrow (Wednesday 6 October 2004) to receive awards for their entries in a national competition organised by teachers' union NASUWT to celebrate cultural diversity, identity and respect in Black History Month.

Pupils from six primary and six secondary schools across the UK will receive prizes of £300 at the ceremony at the Carlton Tower Hotel in Knightsbridge from 2pm.

The national winners will be announced during the event with awards of £1,000 for pupils and £1,000 for their schools to go towards books, computer equipment or arts and crafts materials.

Guests invited to give out the awards include **Chris Keates**, Acting General Secretary of NASUWT, **Estelle Morris**, Minister for the Arts, and **Kay Carberry**, Assistant General Secretary of the TUC.

For media places, please call **Victoria Barlow**, NASUWT Press Officer on 020 7420 9670.

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Notes to Editors:

1. NASUWT is the largest teachers' union with members across the UK.
2. 'Arts & Minds' was launched by NASUWT in October 2003 to celebrate Black History Month. It called on pupils to create poems, short stories, music, songs, artwork or photography based on the themes of identity, respect, diversity or citizenship.
3. 'Arts & Minds' has been sponsored by *The Independent* newspaper and *SecEd* and *5-7 Educator* magazines.
4. NASUWT can supply photographs of pupils and teachers at the Awards Ceremony. Please contact NASUWT photographer Robin Hammond on 07866 489 959 to discuss requirements.

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