

## **Trailblazing for Children!**

Milton Keynes' 'Oscar' winners for Childcare at the Stony Stratford Children's Centre



Richard Ludbrook and Magda Wiora

## Richard Ludbrook, Young Achiever of the Year 2008

Richard is a Playworker and Mentor to aspiring Trainees

'As a Junior Worker I feel I've grown up and am no longer a part of a 'gang culture' – my school work and social life have improved... Looking after younger children helps you prepare for parenthood.

'I love seeing the smiles on the children's faces when they achieve something – I feel I've achieved something, which brings a smile to mine!..'

## Magda Wiora, Runner-up for the Edexcel Playworker of the Year Award.

Magda is now Assistant Play Leader

'I especially enjoyed working on the Youth Achievement Award with our young people. They had to complete 6 challenges, each at least 5 hours' long. Some said they'd never do it, but 25 Junior Workers did and received certificates. I was very proud of them. Over that time I could see the change in them.'

'This is such a massive National achievement.' (Linda Kehoe, Manager of the Stony Stratford Children's Centre)

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