

Linzi Roberts-Egan:

Some of you will know how much I love meeting people and chatting. And whilst I've been out and about visiting you across the borough, I've been struck by the amazing things that you do, working relentlessly on behalf of our residents to change their lives for the better. Some of you often go over and above and beyond on behalf of our residents. I know it's been extremely difficult for the judges to decide who the winners are, but this afternoon is about spotlighting the very best of the work that happens to make a difference.

Sue Brettle:

It's a team effort. I'm just one of 250 catering staff. Without all our fabulous cooks who produced the menu that I put together, I wouldn't be here.

Jane Sherry:

Yeah, it was great. My team was fantastic, this award's really for them.

Bisi Oyekanmi:

Well, who knew that this would happen? It was a huge surprise to be nominated in the first place. So it was really wonderful and actually humbling that it was recognised. So thank you.

David Reece:

Oh, I'm very happy. It's lovely to be nominated in two different categories and to be the finalist in both and to take home an award. Really, really happy.

Cllr Grace Williams:

And on behalf of Cabinet and all Councillors, I'd like to thank all of you for the work that you do every day to support us and more importantly, the work that you do for residents. And without you, Waltham Forest would not be the special place that it is, to live here, to work, here to visit. And I want you to know that we truly appreciate everything that you do and that you're continuing to do every day. Thank you.

Neighbourhood Officer:

Oh we're well excited. Shocked, really. Didn't expect to be the winners as great people were nominated and really excited to be the winners today.

Katie Chambers:

It's lovely to know how well I am appreciated and obviously the work I'm doing is being recognised. Thank you to everyone obviously that nominated me and I really couldn't have done it without the team that I've been working with. They're the ones of really helped me win this. So yeah, it's been a fantastic day.

Francis Offiah:

I think it's an honour, it's a privilege to have been nominated by your peers and I remain humble and I'm thankful to my team, to Daniel who was the catalyst for the Edge of Care team and my colleagues in the Edge of Care team. And I can't thank everybody enough, and the council for this wonderful occasion as well. God bless everybody.