

Kitty Trehitt from St Georges School In Middleton St George near Darlington with one of the Tibetan Monks from Tashi Lhunpo Monastery learning how to make a Sand Mandala in The Sage Gateshead concourse.



# Rise & Shine



"We were delighted to hear about the Shine festival and our staff and students thoroughly enjoyed taking part. As a school we believe that every young person has a talent which can be demonstrated, given the right opportunities, and this forms the basis of our core value statement "High achievement for all is our shared responsibility". Nurturing talents which show up in so many different ways in our schools is key to ensuring that young people who come from very diverse backgrounds grow up to be confident about themselves but also about their role in being good citizens and making an effective contribution to wider society."

**Dame Yasmin Bevan, Headteacher, Denbigh High School, Luton, one of the schools to find a talent in every student**

**A**N extraordinary uprising of youth talent emerged this week as schools and organisations across England put their energy into a mammoth celebration.

Nearly 2,500 of the country's schools and over 300 partner organisations from SING UP to Make Your Mark and representing more than 1,000,000 young people took part in events, exhibitions and workshops designed

## Talent challenge of Britain's youth

to celebrate the talent in everyone .

More than 340 talents were identified by youngsters including the quirky and eccentric.

Making musical instruments and high fashion out of junk, the stillness and precision required to make a sand mandala. Sporting, academic and

artistic talents and the less obvious entrepreneurial, caring and leadership skills have all been in evidence in this diverse and energetic youth led festival.

Teachers reported a real buzz in schools, helped by the support of some well known faces from business

tycoon Peter Jones who set up a Mini *Dragons Den* at Manchester Academy through to Olympic gold medalist Kelly Holmes at Bristol Academy.

*Green Wing* actress Michelle Gomez and the *One Show's* Hardeep Singh Kohli worked with budding actors at the Royal Shakespeare Company's

Courtyard Theatre while the Prime Minister paid a surprise visit to a London school.

Tim Campbell, 2005 Apprentice winner, founder of Bright Ideas Trust saw some ideas that can change the world.

**Next year's Shine dates:** 6th - 10th July 2009. Schools are already registering at [www.shineweek.co.uk](http://www.shineweek.co.uk) and planning for an even bigger festival next year.

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