

# Mentoring and befriending's warm Downing Street reception

Over 130 volunteers, service users and practitioners from MBF's Approved Provider programmes were recognised at 10 Downing Street at an evening reception hosted by **Sarah Brown** in March 2009 – see our selection of photos below from the event

Welcoming everyone, Sarah Brown said:

*"I am particularly pleased to be here tonight to see the width and breadth of mentoring and befriending activity that is taking place across England. I am personally involved with a children's charity that offers grants to mentoring projects and I see the real benefits of effective one-to-one relationships to support people in their time of need."*



**Photos (projects and people featured):** Sarah Brown address; Farlingaye High School; Northern Learning Trust; Impact Career Mentoring; Nacro Pyramid Project; Sandwriter Mentoring Project; St Paul's Mentoring Scheme; The Volunteer Link Scheme; Shaathi Mentoring scheme; City and Hackney Mind

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