

Fostering's Got Talent 2019

On Friday 10th May we hosted Fostering's Got Talent® 2019. This is the fourth year that the talent show has taken place and it's become a firm favourite on the calendar. Each year we invite foster families, their sons and daughters and our foster children to take part and we are never disappointed by the number and quality of entrants.

The event was at Create theatre, West Notts College and the acts arrived at 5.30pm for their one and only run through! Then at 6.30pm, the theatre filled with friends, family, foster carers and staff from the fostering and children's services for the show to start. And what a show we had this year!

We had twelve acts and every one of them was amazing. We opened with a poetry recital written and performed by Shannon, 2017's winner. We moved on to dance displays in genres from hip hop to ballet. We had a medley of tunes played on the recorder and fabulous songs from beautiful singers plus a very moving rap by one young lady telling her life story. One family formed a band and played a sweet song with their youngest daughter on drums, their eldest singing, their foster daughter dancing and Dad on guitar! This year the show had a first - one young man featured in, filmed and produced his own short film about his school and his hobbies and interests and the show closed with his wonderful work.

The whole audience was visibly moved by the performances. The votes were counted, and it was a huge majority who chose 14-year-old Daniel's incredible performance of 'A Million Dreams' from the Greatest Showman. Daniel, a young man whose family foster, won the two tickets to a semi-final performance of Britain's Got Talent in London, by kind permission of Fremantle media, at the end of the month.

Second place and £50 went to our rap star, Chloe and third place to our budding film producer, Nico!

The show is sponsored by our Foster Liaison and Advisory Group (FLAG), so it really is an event for the whole fostering community and this year, FLAG's treasurer Tracey helped present the prizes with Steve Edwards, Service Director Youth Families and Social Work who said of the night, 'I think it was the best "fostering's got talent" yet and the children, carers and staff get so much out of it. I am already looking forward to next year's show!!'

