

## **Congratulations to the winners of Faith Shorts 2011!**

Last night, 6 December 2011, the Tony Blair Faith Foundation hosted the Annual Faith Shorts awards ceremony at BAFTA. More than 200 guests joined us including Dawn French, June Sarpong, Lord Puttnam, Omid Djalili, His Excellency the Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Tony Blair.

Many more around the world watched live online (and in case you missed it, you can still catch the recording [here](#)).

The anticipation was palpable. Drumroll ... And the winners are:

- **Action category:** winner Amna Aslam, a fourteen-year-old muslim from Accrington, North West England. Her film, Muhammad in Accrington... Inspiring Me, is about how the teachings of Muhammad inspire his class of students in a positive way.
- **Family category:** winner Paulo Reyes, a christian from Manila, Philippines. His film, First Steps to Recovery, explores illness and death and the ways in which faith can be a great source of strength and solace to those facing these issues.
- **Musical category:** winner lead filmmaker Nadim Merrikh, a fifteen-year-old Baha'i from Guelph, Ontario, Canada. His collaborative film, Be the Change You Want to See, by the "Dapper Rappers", was inspired by the London riots and was aimed at motivating young people for good.
- **Overall winner:** winner Nadim Merrikh for the film for the "Be the Change You Want to See." The video has had over 10,000 hits on Youtube and the rap music video aims to mobilise young people to take action, in a positive way.

You can watch all of the winner's videos on our website:

<http://www.tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/pages/faith-shorts-2011-winners>

Tony Blair said last night, "these young people have made extraordinary films - this is the true face of faith. We need to be open about the other and this film competition has shown that giving young people a global voice has a real impact. Congratulations to all the winners."

If you want to watch the ceremony one more time or if you missed it the first time around, don't forget - you can watch the recording here:

<http://www.tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/pages/awardsceremony>

I hope you'll join us in congratulating the winners and saying a massive thank you to all the participants, judges and special guests!

Best wishes,

Faith Shorts team