

# Met PCSOs awards 2004

*Yeliz Ersiner at "Top Notch" dry cleaners*

*Yeliz Ersiner, a PCSO from Bexley, recently won an achievement award for her dedication and commitment in forging relations with the local community. Yeliz received her award from the Deputy Commissioner Ian Blair (Met Police) at an award ceremony held in Central London after being chosen from a short-list of 12 PCSOs.*

*Yeliz was selected to receive the award because of the work she has achieved with her ward in Slade Green, Bexley where she has been a PCSO since December 2003.*

*Some in Bexley have been won over to the PCSOs very quickly*

*She made herself a familiar face within the community, visiting residents, both young and old, and making herself available to them for reassurance and advice.*

*The award ceremony heard how she helped an elderly couple whose car was repeatedly targeted and damaged by vandals. Yeliz regularly visited and reassured the couple but also spoke to neighbours and young people about the problem and after a while damage to the car stopped.*

*Yeliz and PC Dave Bradley in Slades Green*

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*Amongst the many other people she has helped include a couple who own a dry cleaners whose windows were being damaged on a regular basis; she helped to secure funding to have metal shutters installed.*

*Yeliz has also forged very strong links with the young people. She has made contact with youth club leaders and organisers and is a regular visitor to the youth clubs. She has helped organise youth projects in the area including identifying an area where youngsters could play football in the evening under lighting.*

*Yeliz is pictured here with some Bexley residents*

*Yeliz received her award at the Met's first Police Community Support Officers' Achievement Awards ceremony in April.*

*Seven winners from Bexley, Haringey, Transport Operational Command Unit, Tower Hamlets and the PCSO Project team were presented with awards during the ceremony at the TUC building.*

*The winners were selected from 12 nominees chosen from entries across the Met.*

*Awards were presented to: PCSOs Yeliz Ersiner (Bexley), Menelaos Mouzouris and Carol Phillips (Haringey) and Alistair Flack (TOCU), Chief Inspector Wayne Chance, Inspector Chris Davers and Sergeant Charlotte Taylor for tenacity in*

*implementing the role of the PCSOs within the Service and PCSO supervisor, Sergeant Christopher Chatt for enthusiasm and efforts to integrate PCSOs within Tower Hamlets.*

*Deputy Commissioner Sir Ian Blair said: "PCSOs are making a vital contribution to preventing the low-level crimes that may not grab the headlines but can cause misery within communities. I am delighted that we have been able to extend the uniformed presence on our streets.*

*"This ceremony has not only been about celebrating the achievements of some individuals, it is also about recognising the efforts of all our PCSOs across the capital."*

*Yeliz is one of the top Met PCSOs of 2004*

Yeliz's favourite TV programme is bad girls.

Her favourite food is seafood and Chinese.

Her main hobby is trying all different kinds of sporting activities, her car and travelling enjoying life with friends and family.

Yeliz's main ambition in life is to be successful and achieve all her goals and targets in life. She loves challenges and when she does achieve them she loves to set different ones.

*I asked Dave Bradley what Yeliz was really like, here is what he said:*

***I have been working with Yeliz for six months now and from day one she has shown a maturity beyond her years, enormous enthusiasm for her work and the ability not only to assist me with my work in the community but to take ownership of her own projects and initiatives.***

***Congratulations Yeliz!! Great work there!***

***Yeliz is still young at 21 but has already had a number of jobs mainly dealing with training/coaching of young people. This experience has proved invaluable in her role as PCSO and she is capable of communicating on a level with young people on our reassurance ward that is not always possible by police officers.***

***Yeliz also has a natural gift in communicating with all parts of the community whether it be to young people at the many youth clubs or organised events that we attend or in the street, older people that are potential crime victims where she is able to reassure them and to elderly people living in sheltered accommodation where we regularly visit and pass the time of day and again reassure.***

***Yeliz deals with an amazing amount of work but is able to organise her days effectively and never forgets people that she is dealing with and keeps in regular contact with a large number of residents on our ward who have either come to us for help or who Yeliz has identified herself as needing some sort of help or assistance.***

***Yeliz also has a good working relationship with all the other organisations that form the Bexley Community Safety Partnership such as Bexley Council, Housing Associations, Planning Officers, Vehicle removals, Youth Workers etc and is in constant communication with them to improve the quality of life for the residents of Slade Green. Yeliz is very aware that our small team of police officers and pcsos can make a difference to the quality of life of the residents and is determined to do everything that she can to make Slade Green a better and safer place to live. Dave Bradley Pc 456RY. 14 June 2004 17:11***

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