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Inspired pupil from Albyn School wins a Silver Award at London 2012 education awards.

Some of the country's brightest young people visited Glasgow's City Chambers last week and were awarded medals for their work on the Inspire-Aspire programme by 2012 Olympic Gold Medallist rower, Katherine Grainger CBE, Sir Craig Reedie CBE and the Lord Provost of Glasgow.

The Inspire-Aspire Awards programme reached 25,000 young people this year by using the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the character qualities of Olympians to inspire young people to set personal goals and to develop future aspirations.

Winning a Silver, 1st Level award at the event was Eilidh McKenna from Albyn School, who chose Niamh Meehan as her inspirational figure as part of her work on the programme.

Expressing her reasons for her chosen inspirational figure, Eilidh said:

"Niamh is an especially inspiring person as she shares the same interests as me".

Before presenting the awards, Olympian Grainger told an enthralled audience that it takes commitment and courage to reach the top. She spoke about how it was sheer determination that had helped her finish the race at the London Olympics in 2012. Grainger expressed how important using the Olympic and Paralympic values in everyday life can be, not just in sport.

Inspire-Aspire aims to help young people gain a better understanding of their own character qualities and values and inspire them to create a personal development plan. Eilidh explained how much of an impact participating in Inspire-Aspire has had on her:

"I feel I have learned about myself. I think I now know who I really am now and I like that."

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