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### **THE UNITED NATIONS FASHION SHOW**

#### **Leeds West Academy hosts a high fashion event in aid of The Malala Fund**

**Leeds West Academy** is set to stage a vibrant fashion show on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** in aid of **The Malala Fund**.

The evening event will have a **United Nations** theme; showcasing performances from students, with celebrity guest speakers and a fashion show featuring clothing from leading designers and brands.

The fashion show features designs from **Dazarockz, Bo Carter, Agwein Reid, Fashion Pony, Ujag Fashion House** and **Accent Clothing**. There will also be a collection from Leeds West Academy students, with pupils also modelling a wide range of clothing from **Dunnes Stores**.

The evening will be co-hosted by **Matthew Bose**, who is best known for his role as Paul Lambert in Yorkshire Television's **Emmerdale**, as well as starring in **Soapstar Superchef**. Matthew will be joined by **Kate Hardcastle**, an international retail and commercial expert who is a regular industry contributor to **Sky News** and the **BBC**.

The event has been initiated by **Executive Principal and CEO of White Rose Academies Trust, Annette Hall**, who said: "Having worked in the English education system for 36 years I have been privileged to work with enormously talented students and staff who have benefitted from significant financial investments over time, enabling them to make the very best of their talents. It has always struck me that the inequality of access to free, high quality education across the world is grossly unfair and wastes the talent of children who should be just as entitled as English children are to a great education."

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**The Malala Fund** is co-founded by **Malala** and **Ziauddin Yousafzai**. The charity enables girls to complete twelve years of safe, quality education so they can achieve their potential and be positive change-makers in their families and communities.

**Annette Hall** adds: "As I step down from my full-time role in education, I have asked staff and students in our Trust to help me raise money to support a very good cause, The Malala Fund, which works to provide education - particularly for girls - across some of the most troubled regions in the world.

Malala's own story is of course widely known, and my admiration for this singular young woman is immense. The fearless commitment of this one young girl has provided an inspirational example to governments across the world, and shown that the personal can become the political, affecting policy even at the level of the United Nations."

Additional guest speakers include writing duo **RC Bridgestock**, crime authors and consultants for **Happy Valley** and **Scott & Bailey**. Their latest book in the **DI Dylan** series, **When The Killing Starts**, will be available to purchase with funds from each sale contributing to **The Malala Fund**.

**The United Nations Fashion Show** is at Leeds West Academy on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016** at **7pm**. Tickets cost £10, with VIP catwalk seating for £25 which includes a goody bag. Book tickets online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedswestacademy](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedswestacademy) or call the Box Office on **0113 238 56 12**.

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## NOTES TO THE EDITOR

**Leeds West Academy** is a mixed secondary school and part of the White Rose Academies Trust. It is sponsored by Leeds City College. The Academy is one of three sister schools within the **White Rose Academies Trust**.

Academies receive funding direct from the Government, providing independence for a diversified curriculum.

**More details found online at [www.leedswestacademy.org.uk](http://www.leedswestacademy.org.uk)**

**The Malala Fund** is inspired by co-founders Malala and Ziauddin Yousafzai. The Malala Fund's goal is to enable girls to complete 12 years of safe, quality education so that they can achieve their potential and be positive change-makers in their families and communities.

The fund works with partners all over the world helping to empower girls and amplify their voices; investing in local education leaders and programmes, whilst advocating for more resources for education and safe schools for every child. The fund amplifies girls' voices, providing them with a platform to connect with the Malala Fund and each other. By standing together, girls can dream big and know they are not alone.

**More details can be found online at [www.malala.org](http://www.malala.org)**

**White Rose Academies Trust** is a local trust dedicated to raising the ambitions and aspirations of young people. It is currently comprised of three academies which occupy sites in the centre, east and west of the city. The Trust is sponsored by **Leeds City College**, one of the largest further education providers in the country which encompasses **Leeds College of Music** within its organisation.

The White Rose Academies Trust is the only truly local Leeds partnership of schools that share the same ethos and that have pathways into Further Education through a special relationship with Leeds City College. The Trust shares a mission with the college to ensure that all students attending the academies have very well-developed employability skills.

All WRAT Academies also work in conjunction with local businesses in formal relationships which commit employers to supporting young people to understand and prepare for the demands of the world of work.

The CEO of White Rose Academies Trust is **Annette Hall**, who is also Executive Principal of Leeds West Academy, Leeds East Academy and Leeds City Academy.

**More details about White Rose Academies can be found online at [www.whiteroseacademies.org](http://www.whiteroseacademies.org)**

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