## National Mentoring Consortium



## **19TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**



David Lammy MP and Waleede Backler- University of Greenwich Mentee of the year



David Lammy MP and Faisal Iqbal - University of Westminster mentee of the year

David congratulates the NMC and the mentees for their achievements. He emphasised the importance of mentoring and the need for the programme.



ITN managing Editor, Robin Elias and Susan Box-Raftery - Network Rail Employer of the year



ITN managing Editor, Robin Elias and Mairead Golding – Wolseley New employer of the year

Robin Elias spoke about his admiration of young people and their ability to use social media to communicate and find out information which would have taken hours to complete in the not too distant past. He spoke about how young people have made their mark in media and that they had changed the way news is viewed, reported and collected. It was programmes like the NMC that are giving young people such skills to further their careers on graduation.



Actor, Nitin Ganatra (Masood Ahmed Eastender) and Anwar Abdi – UEL graduate receiving recent achievement award

Nitin spoke about the importance of having a sense of belonging as it gave people the confidence and drive to go after their goals and work in a field in which they love what they do. Nitin was born in Kenya to Indian born parents and felt that he didn't fit in until his Drama teacher encouraged him to take part in a school play. Whilst speaking about the bond he had with his Drama teacher, Nitin said that she encouraged and gave him the confidence to apply for a Drama course at Bristol university; at the time the university only accepted 20 students each year, Nitin was one of the 20 students accepted that year. He said a good mentor is invaluable and is encouraging all undergraduates to take the opportunity on offer by programmes such as that provided by the NMC.