The Learning Trust Educators’ Awards

Recognising and celebrating excellence in Hackney

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Hackney Empire, London
I’m delighted to once again be involved in the Educators’ Awards. It has been one of the great privileges of my career to have served as Chair of The Learning Trust and to have played a small part in the remarkable transformation of education in this borough. During my time here I have met some truly inspirational people, and I’m delighted to see some of them recognised here tonight.

This year’s Educators’ Awards offer us a unique opportunity to pause and reflect on the achievements of the last decade, and to celebrate the successes of Hackney educators. In doing so we also demonstrate our commitment to excellence and our desire for the very highest standards of education for our children and young people.

I congratulate you all most warmly.

Steve Belk
Acting Chief Executive, The Learning Trust

Education in Hackney has changed almost beyond recognition in the last 10 years. Achievement has soared. Our children are being educated in brand-new or refurbished buildings. Our schools are held up as beacons of innovation, creativity and success, and we have regained the confidence of the whole community.

None of this would have been possible without the commitment of Hackney educators. All the teams shortlisted for awards tonight embody The Learning Trust’s core values – ‘aspire, achieve, innovate’ – and they have shown just how much is possible when dedicated and talented individuals work together towards a common purpose.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate everyone here this evening. You have shown that excellence has a home in Hackney.
Brenda Emmanus
Broadcasting and Journalist

Brenda’s media career has been long-standing and consistent. Over the years she has extended her professional skills in television broadcasting, radio and print journalism. She is currently BBC London News’ Art, Culture and Entertainment correspondent - a role which allows her to combine creativity and journalism across television, radio and on-line output.

Brenda’s profile rose as one of the co-presenters on BBC One’s The Clothes Show, which she contributed to for five years. She has since fronted the interior design programme The Terrace, The Midweek National Lottery and features for Holiday - all on BBC One. She was also one of the main presenters on Healthy Holidays and Money Makeovers for Granada and Sky Television.

As a regular face on ITV’s This Morning, Brenda teamed up with Richard Madely and Judy Finnigan as their fashion and entertainment expert.

She is no stranger to radio having contributed to various broadcast outlets, presenting The Early Show live on BBC Radio Two, and as a frequent guest on Radio Five Live and Radio 4’s Women’s Hour. For several years Brenda fronted the youth magazine programme Megamix for BBC World Service, and a film and entertainment gossip slot for Choice FM radio.

Previously an Arts and Features Editor for The Voice Newspaper, Brenda has also edited a specially commissioned magazine for International Women’s Month and been a facilitating judge for two anthologies commissioned by Penguin Books. She as also had several short stories published.

As a freelance writer Brenda has contributed feature articles to Luxure, Pride, Cosmopolitan and Caribbean Eye magazines, as well as The Observer and New Nation newspapers.
Victor Bamigboye
MA Student at University of Surrey

Victor Bamigboye is a 21 year old Politics graduate born, raised and educated in Hackney. He is currently studying an MA in International Intervention at the University of Surrey where he was also elected the Equality and Diversity Officer of the Students’ Union.

Victor has been a participant on the Prime Minister’s Global Fellowship and Windsor Fellowship Programmes, which have seen him work in Brazil and Cardiff respectively.

In 2010 Victor was named one of ‘Britain’s 25 most outstanding Black students’ by Powerful Media Group, sponsored by Barclays Capital. Victor also plays American Football for the Premiership London Warriors American Football Club and is a qualified and registered coach for the sport.

David Blagbrough
Director, Inspire!

David Blagbrough is the Director of Inspire! the education business partnership for Hackney. Inspire! is a charity that works with local and City-based employers and employee volunteers to motivate and raise aspirations, attainment and levels of achievement of young people in the borough.

The focus of much of his work was education and academic interchange and professional development. Prior to his retirement, David was Director of the British Council in Washington, USA.

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David began his working life as a mathematics teacher in Nigeria and the UK, and then joined the British Council, where for more than 30 years he was engaged in education and cultural relations in a range of UK and overseas postings including Nigeria, Brazil, Turkey, Mexico and India.

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Alan Boyle
Director, Leannta Education Associates

Alan is Director of Leannta Education Associates. He is also a director of Loqui.tv.

Alan’s career in education spans over 45 years. He spent 20 years teaching in Liverpool. During the 1980s, he worked for the National Curriculum Council and helped to establish the science national curriculum in England. He was an Ofsted inspector, and has held senior leadership responsibilities with two local authorities. From 2006 – 2008 Alan worked with the New York City Department for Education to establish a system of annual Quality Reviews. Alan joined Professor Andy Hargreaves at Boston College from 2008 – 2011 on the ‘Performance Beyond Expectations’ study. He has written several science textbooks and many journal articles. Alan is also co-author of ‘A Revolution in a Decade’, an evaluation of The Learning Trust.

Heather Rockhold
Former Headteacher, Lauriston School

Heather Rockhold taught in London for over thirty years. Her teaching experience covers the entire primary age range and specialist work with secondary pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

She was the headteacher of Lauriston Primary School from 1990 to 2011. In 2008 the school was chosen to be one of thirty Schools of Creativity nationally who have the task of disseminating creative approaches to learning.

Her particular areas of interest in education are creativity, boys’ achievement, inclusion and primary/secondary transition. ‘Leading the creativity-focused school’ was the focus of her MBA dissertation. Since its inception in 2002, she has been a non-executive director on the Board of The Learning Trust.

Franklyn Edwards
Management and Training Consultant

Franklyn Edwards is an established management and training consultancy owner. With a background developed in the public, private and voluntary sectors, he is a past member of the Audit Commission’s Education Knowledge Network, where he was instrumental in much of the research used to train staff and inform its work with Education Authorities and schools. As a training consultant, Franklyn contributes to life-long learning, has lectured at the University of East London and was a school governor.

Franklyn continues to support the development of children and young people through his association with the Robert Levy Foundation, a local Charity providing life-changing opportunity in the form of mentoring, vocational workshops and work experience to children and young people.

Mary Vine-Morris
Director, London Councils

Mary was Area Director for the Learning & Skills Council in London Region and has substantial experience of post-16 education and training.

In 2009 she was appointed as the Director to the 14-19 Regional Planning Group and since then has been working with Local Authorities in London, initially leading the transitional arrangements and subsequently supporting Local Authorities in their statutory duties for securing and shaping learning provision for young people. In November 2010 London partners renewed their commitment to working regionally for the benefit of young Londoners and Mary continues to work as a Director for London Councils providing strategic leadership on 14-19 education and training across the Capital. In 2011 Mary also took on broader responsibilities for regional improvement and efficiency.
Success through participation

Hackney schools continue to ensure pupils have access to a range of opportunities and experiences. In this Olympic year 99% of our schools are now signed up to the Olympic Get Set Network run by The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and 108 Primary School pupils have become Olympics ambassadors. Below are further examples of how Hackney schools are promoting participation.

Baden Powell Primary School
» Science Quality Mark

Berger Primary School
» Comenius School Partnership 2010/2012 - school linked with EV settings in Hungary, Turkey, Estonia and Spain.
» Full International Award - continuing links with Paris and Beijing.
» Primary Science Quality Mark Gold Award

Brook Primary School
» Get Set Network.
» Healthy Schools Status.

Clapton Girls’ Academy
» Designated a National Support School 2011.
» Inclusion School Award 2011.

Comet Nursery School and Children’s Centre
» Healthy Living Programme for
» Introduction of Extended Day Clubs 2011.

Gainsborough Primary School
» Investors in People Gold Award.

Gayhurst Primary School
» First Light Animation Award.
» International School Award.
» TLT flagship school.

Grazebrook Primary School
» Right Respecting School Award.
» Silver Science Quality Mark.
» Silver Sign Up Award.

Jubilee Primary School
» Alan Titchmarsh Gardening Award.
» International Schools Award.
» UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award - Level 1.

Kingsmead Primary School
» Artsmark Gold 2010.
» Children’s work exhibited in National Gallery 2012.
» “Outstanding” Ofsted 2011.

Lauriston Primary School
» School of Creativity.
» Face Britain Launch School.
» TLT flagship school.

Orchard Primary School
» Basic Skills Award.
» Investors in People 2011.

Our Lady’s Convent High School
» London Citizens School of the Year 2012.
» 2012 Observer news article featuring student’s view on London Riots.

Parkwood Primary School
» Development and practice of a curriculum based on the arts in the Taking the Lead Project and publication.

Excellent results over several years shows us to be one of the best performing schools in the borough and nationally.

Queensbridge Primary School
» Designated a National Support School 2012.
» “Outstanding” Ofsted 2011.

Sebright Primary School
» Gold Award for CPD.
» Healthy Schools Status.
» Quality in Extended Schools (QES).

Shacklewell Primary School
» Artsmark Gold.
» Food for Life Flagship Award.
» Green Heroes Award.

Sir Thomas Abney Primary School
» Design Award for Wildlife Trust 2011.
» Eco-Schools Silver Award 2011.

Skinner’s Academy
» International School Award.
» National Standard for Enterprise Education (NSEE) Award.

Southwold Primary School
» British Cycling Go Ride Club.
» TFL Star Accredited Higher Award School Travel Plan.
» U10 Girls National Schools Champions for event run by British Schools Cycling Association.

Springfield Primary School
» “Outstanding” Ofsted 2011.
» Rights Respecting Award 2011.

St Dominic’s Primary School
» Partnership with local care home, gardening in the community.

Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form
» ALPS 2 – sixth form achievement 2011 – deemed “Outstanding” (top 10% of sixth forms in the country).
» Investors in People Bronze 2011.

Stormont House School
» Business enterprise - gardening in the curriculum.

The Bridge Academy
» Big Society Award Winner.
» Gold Award - National Association for Gifted Children.
» Winners of Cambridge University School Challenge.

The City Academy, Hackney
» Investors in People Gold 2011.
» “Outstanding” Ofsted 2012.
» Students raised £3,230 for Sport Relief in Jan 2012, breaking their 2011 record.

Tysen Primary School
» Platinum status for School Travel Plan.

The Urswick School
» Five green flags through Eco Schools programme.

Wentworth Nursery School and Children’s Centre
» ECO-Schools Silver Award 2011.
» “Outstanding Ofsted” 2010.
Inclusive School Award

For a school which has demonstrated outstanding commitment to support the inclusion of children with additional educational needs, including Special Educational Needs (mainstream schools only).

Jubilee Primary School
Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form
Wentworth Nursery School and Children’s Centre
Adult Learning Provider Award

ESOL Advice Service
Adult Learning, The Learning Trust

East London Advanced Technology Training (ELATT)

Sebright Primary School and Children’s Centre

Creative School Award

Kingsmead Primary School

The City Academy, Hackney

The Petchey Academy

For the school that has demonstrated and/or supported outstanding creativity (including implementing methods of creative learning, delivering outstanding learning opportunities in the arts, demonstrated the creative use of resources).

For the adult learning provider that has delivered outstanding educational opportunities for adults in Hackney.
Children’s Centre of the Year Award

- Ann Tayler Children’s Centre
- Morningside Children’s Centre
- Wentworth Nursery School and Children’s Centre

For the children’s centre that has delivered outstanding services for children and parents in Hackney.

Sustainable School Award

- Jubilee Primary School
- Skinners’ Academy
- Wentworth Nursery School and Children’s Centre

For a school which is successfully meeting the challenge of educating responsible citizens including commitment to healthy living, environmental awareness and community involvement and citizenship.

For the children’s centre that has delivered outstanding services for children and parents in Hackney.
Business Partnership Award

For a business with links to a Hackney school that has made an outstanding contribution to the development and ongoing success of the school.

**Linklaters**
Clapton Girls’ Academy

**UBS**
The Bridge Academy

The Learning Trust Team Award

Recognising an outstanding contribution made by a team in The Learning Trust.

**Hackney Music Service**
Admissions and Pupil Benefits Team

**Schools at the Heart Programme**
Community Organisation Award

For a community organisation with links to a Hackney school that has made an outstanding contribution to the development and ongoing success of the school.

Arcola Creative Learning
Arcola Theatre

Hackney Schools’ Mentoring Programme (HSMP)

Most Improved School Award

For schools that have demonstrated the most significant improvement in delivering educational opportunities for its pupils and students.

Millfields Primary School
Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form

Arcola Creative Learning
Arcola Theatre

Hackney Schools’ Mentoring Programme (HSMP)
Primary School of the Year Award

Millfields Primary School
Queensbridge Primary School
St John of Jerusalem Primary School

Secondary School of the Year Award

Clapton Girls’ Academy
Our Lady’s Convent High School
Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form

For the primary school that has delivered outstanding educational opportunities for its pupils.

For the secondary or special school that has delivered outstanding educational opportunities for its students.
Special Recognition

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Cheryl Day
  Clapton Girls’ Academy
- Jacqueline Bruton-Simmonds
  Jubilee Primary School
- Karen Coulthard
  Berger Primary School
- Patricia Cardis
  Parkwood Primary School

Lifetime Merit Award

- Catherine Aickin
  Wentworth Nursery School and Children’s Centre
- Steve Garnar
  Transport Solutions, The Learning Trust
- Tracy Cullen
  Queensbridge Primary School

Recognising the exceptional and sustained contribution of an individual in the field of education in Hackney.
Thank you

The Learning Trust would like to thank all our colleagues, friends and partners who have worked so hard in the last decade to transform education in Hackney.
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