

Press release
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Hackney Homes apprentices join in on 'Careers' speed dating

Four Hackney Homes apprentices recently went 'Careers' speed dating for the first time at Stoke Newington School in Hackney last Thursday.

Organised as part of a Careers and Enterprise Day, the apprentices talked to 15 year old students about their career experience. They spoke about their work within the repairs and maintenance division of Hackney Homes which involves a number of skills including plumbing, carpentry, multi skilling and electrical maintenance.

The students asked a range of questions about why they decided to work within this field, what challenges they face and what is it like to be a woman working in what is often a male dominated environment. The students were pleased with the opportunity to meet and talk face to face with the apprentices and left full of answers to their questions.

Daisy Clarke, an apprentice plumber said "It was a good opportunity to talk to students and encourage them to consider working as a plumber or one of the other trades. Many of the students are not sure what the job is really like and we were able to explain it to them".

Jim Paterson, Hackney Homes Head of Building Maintenance said "We are extremely proud of our apprenticeship scheme and we continue to help young people develop their skills within Hackney Homes. This opportunity to meet with students and share their experiences is something that we are pleased that they have taken part in".

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Notes to Editors

- The Hackney Homes apprenticeship Scheme is currently open to applications for young people between the ages of 16 and 18. The closing date for applications is 22 July 2011
- For more information about applying, check the Hackney Homes website www.hackneyhomes.org.uk and click on the link 'Work for Us'.

