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Cycling Success for Hackney at The 2009 London Youth Games

Team members of Hackney & Cycle Club Hackney (CCH) were glowing after their triumphant win at the 2009 London Youth Games. Beating 28 other London Boroughs the team finished champions by winning both age categories.

Eight young riders from CCH made up the team to represent Hackney along with the team manager Keir Apperley, and coaches Gary Lingard and Joseph Alberti.

Team member Corey Hall of Hackney Homes/Interlinx cic Bike Club at Fawcett Estate (pictured bottom left with team member Nahshan Blondell) was the last rider to start on the day and his sheer determination in the final leg sealed victory for the team.

Hall said: "Winning with my team mates at Cycling Club Hackney was a great feeling especially when we were competing against 28 other London Boroughs and had trained so hard. We hope to go on to win more races and have even more successes."

Hackney Homes' Fawcett Youth Bike Club on Upper Clapton Road encourages teenagers to attend a weekly community initiative run by Interlinkx cic, to learn and share tips and skills in bike maintenance. Some members including Hall have recently achieved the nationally recognized cycle accreditation, Cytech Level One.

Keir Apperley, organiser of the club said: Fawcett Youth Bike Club aims to engage with young people not only from this estate but from others in Hackney and build friendships between members. Corey Hall is a testament to the success of this club and the passion and enthusiasm shared by members for cycling and related activities like the London Youth Games."

Visit www.cyclingclubhackney.co.uk for more information. Contact Sonia Bradley on 020 8356 6128 or email sonia.bradley@hackneyhomes.org.uk for more details about Hackney Homes and Interlinx cic Bike Club or if you are interested in joining.

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