

## Press release

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### **Hackney Homes apprentice in the spotlight again**

Going the extra mile to ensure that residents are happy with their painting and decorating work is just part of the day job for Ryan Rebeiro. But this positive attitude is paying dividends, with Ryan recently receiving a commendation award at the National Youthbuild Awards 2007 which took place at the House of Commons last week.

Ryan's commitment and hard work was recognised by his tutors who entered him for the award during the last year of his apprenticeship.

"I am very pleased to win this award. Since completing my apprenticeship, I have gained full time employment with Hackney Homes as a painter and decorator and I am using the skills that I learnt to make a difference to the homes of residents in Hackney" said Ryan.

And it is not the first time his dedication has been acknowledged. He was awarded the Male Apprentice of the Year by the Association for Public Service Excellence.

He also mentioned that he is particularly pleased with the commendation award because it was not only based on the qualifications he achieved; it was also judged on how much he had achieved both professionally and personally whilst training as an apprentice.

Ryan was presented with his award by Tim Campbell, winner of first series of BBC programme "The Apprentice".

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### **Notes to Editors**

- Youthbuild is a scheme sponsored by National House-Building Council, which provides training, qualifications, housing and employment for young people who might not normally have the opportunity to employment in the construction industry. The projects offer on-site experience, classroom based training, as well as wider personal and career support.
- Hackney Homes currently has 26 apprentices employed on our training scheme.

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