

Press release

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You are hired! Hackney Homes welcomes thirteen new apprentices

We might not be able to promise the chance to meet Sir Alan Sugar, but we can offer thirteen apprentices the opportunity to learn and earn wages at the same time.

Whittled down from hundreds, the successful applicants aged between 16 and 19 passed an application process which consisted of an interview and a written test.

As a Hackney Homes apprentice they will work alongside a qualified operative for four days a week and attend college for one day a week. They will gain new skills and learn a range of crafts including plumbing, electrical, carpentry and painting and decorating.

Fresh faced and full of enthusiasm, the apprentices are looking forward to rubbing shoulders with experienced colleagues and gaining vital knowledge to set them on the path to their future career.

Zach, a 16 year old electrical apprentice said: "I found out about the scheme from my careers advisor and I decided to apply. I am looking forward to getting my qualifications and hands on experience".

Susmita Noonan, Hackney Homes Chief Executive welcomed the apprentices "Our apprenticeship programme is one of the best in the country. Last year, three of our apprentices were short listed for Male and Female Apprentice of the Year, eventually winning in the male category and runner up in the female category.

As a Hackney Homes apprentice, they will be given our full support to learn vital skills and they will be trusted to use their initiative to provide top-notch services to Hackney residents."

Applications for new apprentices will open in mid-2008. Information about this will be available on our website at www.hackneyhomes.org.uk

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