QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK
APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS 2013
18 December, City Hall
FOREWORD

Welcome to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Apprenticeship Awards 2013

I am delighted to welcome you to City Hall and London’s Living Room to celebrate the success of so many young (east) Londoners and their employers who together are building a fantastic new piece of city at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. You only have to take a walk through the Park to witness the fantastic contribution that our London Legacy Apprentices and their employers are making and it’s only right that they are recognised for their hard work and commitment.

Tonight, you will have the opportunity to meet the London Legacy Apprentices and their employers. You will also hear how taking on an apprentice is a fantastic way to give young Londoners every chance to excel in their chosen field, whilst bringing fresh talent and energy into the team and building the basis for future growth.

I salute all of the businesses who have already opened their doors to our London Legacy Apprentices. I would encourage any businesses that have not yet done so, to sign up to this fantastic scheme - designed by the London Legacy Development Corporation to help construction businesses, particularly smaller firms, through the process of finding and recruiting apprentices.

To all of tonight’s award winners, I would like to say congratulations and a sincere thank you for the special part that you are playing in delivering a successful legacy for London. I wish all of the London Legacy Apprentices every success in their careers in the construction industry, which continues to drive the growth London needs to steer it to long term prosperity.

I would also like to thank all those who have contributed to this evening’s event, particularly colleagues at the London Legacy Development Corporation, Reds10 and the Greater London Authority, who have provided the wonderful venue and hospitality. Without them, this celebration would not have been possible.

Have a wonderful evening.

Neale Coleman
Deputy chair
London Legacy Development Corporation
PROGRAMME

1800  Guests register at reception and proceed to the Chamber

THE CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR

1815  Pre award refreshments, ante room to the Chamber

1850  All guests are invited to be seated ready for awards

1900  Welcome from Neale Coleman
       Deputy chair, London Legacy Development Corporation

1905  Message from Boris Johnson
       Mayor of London

1910  Presentation of awards for:

• Principle Contractor Apprenticeship Award
• Special Recognition Award for contribution to Apprenticeships
• Award for Excellence in Mentoring
• Equalities and Inclusion Award
• Apprenticeship Award for Excellence in Health and Safety
• Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Apprentice of the Year 2013.

1930  Short film of London Legacy Apprentices on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

• Making it Happen Award

1945  Reading of poem entitled ‘Legacy’ by Jolade Olusanya
       Shortlisted for Young Poet Laureate for London

Close of awards, Neale Coleman

LONDON’S LIVING ROOM, 10TH FLOOR

2000  All guests are invited to a reception in London’s Living Room

       Refreshments will be served

       Photo opportunities for apprentices and guests

2200  Close of event
The London Legacy Development Corporation is responsible for leading regeneration and creating opportunity in and around Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

We aim to use the once-in-a-lifetime chance presented by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the creation of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to develop a dynamic new heart for east London, transforming the lives of local people and driving innovation and growth in London and the UK.

With world-class sports and leisure venues, some of the best transport connections in London and access to a young and diverse population, the Park will offer jobs, apprenticeships and training and help make east London the place to come and do business.

We hope that the London Legacy Apprentices at this evening’s ceremony will be the first of many people - from different backgrounds and of different ages - who will be able to say that working on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park was their first step in a long and productive career.

We could not achieve our plans in and around the Park without the help and support of the organisations and individuals who work with us. We look forward to continuing our close work with you and celebrating future successes together.
PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR APPRENTICESHIP AWARD 2013

In recognition of a commitment to delivering apprenticeships on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Winners

H&J Martin
Tier 1 Contractor at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre
H&J Martin have demonstrated a firm commitment to delivering apprenticeships by taking on four apprentices as part of a small workforce and have worked positively with partners to open up opportunities for young east Londoners.

BAM Nuttall Ltd
Park-wide Tier 1 Contractor
BAM Nuttall have set the apprenticeship standard on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park with a peak of over fifty apprentices as part of their workforce in trades ranging from construction operatives and site engineers to business administrators.

Balfour Beatty PLC
Tier 1 Contractor on Aquatics Centre
Balfour Beatty have consistently delivered apprenticeships at the Aquatics Centre and at peak had eight apprentices on site as part of the workforce in areas ranging from electrical to business and administration.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO APPRENTICESHIPS 2013

To recognise an outstanding individual contribution and commitment to creating opportunities for young east Londoners beginning their careers in the construction industry. The nominees have provided support to apprentices to help them flourish and become the industry’s workforce of tomorrow.

The winning individuals will be announced tonight!
QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING 2013

To recognise an employee who has set high standards in providing support and learning opportunities to their apprentices and enabling them to achieve success at work.

Winners

Al Ceesay
ISG Ltd

Hailing from Canning Town in Newham, Al has worked on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park for a number of years and is committed to creating opportunities for young east Londoners. Al is a key member of the ISG project team and is always available and willing to share his experiences, providing advice and guidance and helping to make the apprentices feel part of the team.

Martin Rees
BAM Nuttall Ltd

Martin has worked on the site from early in the ‘big build’ phase before the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and is now working to transform Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. He is being recognised for the time and support he has given to enable his apprentices to complete their NVQ assignments. Martin is a good role model and patiently encourages all of his team, making them feel supported and valued.

Eilis Nolan
BAM Nuttall Ltd

Eilis is being recognised for the patience and support she has shown her apprentices, helping them adapt to a high-pressure office environment. She has given the apprentices the time and space necessary to develop and learn new skills, finding the right balance between guiding them and letting them use their own initiative. She is also nominated for her diligence and hard-working approach.
EQUALITIES AND INCLUSION AWARD

In recognition of a commitment to promote opportunities for everyone, and to make careers in construction more inclusive and accessible.

Finalists

ISG Ltd
Tier 1 Contractor South Park Hub

Since starting their work on the South Park Hub, ISG have worked positively with partners to open up opportunities for women, disabled people and other under-represented groups in the workforce. ISG were proactive in tailoring their induction processes to best accommodate all their workers. At peak, almost 10 per cent of their workforce was registered disabled, a leading example for contractors on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

BAM Nuttall Ltd
Park-wide Tier 1 Contractor

BAM Nuttall has pushed industry norms for equalities and inclusion. They have led innovative efforts to enable disabled workers to access jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. At peak almost 10 per cent of their workforce were women and over 70 per cent were from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds.
APPRENTICESHIP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH AND SAFETY

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park is one of the safest construction sites in Europe. Our exemplary safety record has been maintained by all of us working together and being committed to a shared vision for safety. We look forward to continuing to set the standard as we finish the Park and new work starts on areas such as our residential developments. This award is made in recognition of the apprentice who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to health and safety and who has helped to make their working environment a safer place for everyone.

Finalists

Leanne Doig

Leanne is the only apprentice to sit on BAM Nuttall’s Beyond Zero leadership group where she is a keen participant and is passionately committed to health and safety, sharing her learning and experience with her fellow workers and peers to make the working environment safer for all. She is highly vigilant and regularly identifies risks on site.

Damien Ganesh

Damien is known by his peers ‘The Lucky Charm’ because his constantly vigilant approach to managing health and safety risks has meant that issues do not arise when he is on site. Damien is keen to learn and is proactive in seeking advice when it is needed.

Damien always keeps his site clean and tidy to avoid any potential issues, and is always keenly aware of the safety requirements when using different machines.

Samir Abarak

Samir is a great team-player and is recognised for his commitment to following instructions, whilst never shying from asking questions.

He is capable of multi-tasking and is not afraid to try new things but only when he has made a suitable assessment of the health and safety implications.

Samir has maintained his work space safety perimeter conscientiously and managed the correct and safe disposal of waste material throughout his placement.
Our main award of the evening recognises the apprentice that who has made the biggest positive impact and has demonstrated their commitment to developing their career and to inspiring others.

Finalists

Samir Abarak
Construction operative

Samir is eager to learn and make the most of the apprenticeship opportunity that he started on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Samir’s performance has been consistently high and he does not shy away from any of the tasks given to him. Samir is polite and able to follow instructions well and has demonstrated that he is able to multi-task well. He is a valued and key member of his team. Samir is most proud of his work with the Roads Gang on the completion of Waterden Road in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, a high profile and time-pressured project.

Leanne Doig
Construction operative

Leanne is an enthusiastic and committed member of the team. She is prepared to work hard and make the most of this opportunity, getting involved in as many aspects of construction works as she can. Leanne lives by the motto, “what you put in is what you get out”, and is known for her punctuality and timekeeping as well as her zest for learning, diligently taking notes about new topics and tasks.

An exemplary team player, Leanne has been a loyal ambassador for the apprentice programme, giving time to take part in several media engagements. Leanne has raised the profile of women in construction and helped to promote opportunities for women in trade-based construction work. She readily admits to having had doubts about lasting the distance at the outset, but she has established herself as a key and valuable member of the team.

Jamil Ahmed
Business and administration

Jamil won Apprentice of the Month in November 2012 and has consistently demonstrated his ability to effectively organise his and his team’s workload, as he splits his time across departments on different sites. Jamil is a self-manager with a strong work ethic. He is always willing to take on any new task, no matter what and he is quick to learn. He is known for his respectful nature and being a strong team player, and his ability to deliver varied tasks in a timely and effective manner provides support for his teams in a very busy project office.
QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK
‘MAKING IT HAPPEN’ AWARD

All the apprentices that have worked on site have been integral to successfully delivering Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. They come from a multitude of backgrounds and represent the best that east London has to offer: a young, diverse, skilled and committed workforce. They have all carried out a range of different tasks on varied projects in a professional and efficient manner, adding value to their respective workforces.

They are living proof of the effectiveness and importance of apprenticeships as a stepping stone for young Londoners to bring their hard work and enthusiasm to employers across the capital and beyond.

This Making It Happen Award is presented to all our legacy apprentices in recognition of their efforts and commitment over the past year and we wish them every success as they progress on their chosen career pathways.

Jolade is a spoken word artist, parkour athlete and media creative brought up in Nigeria and east London. A passionate educator, he has performed and led poetry workshops in Gambia and London, as well as being a spoken word mentor for children and teenagers through Hackney Council’s Writerz n Scribez poetry initiative.

He was recently a finalist in the Young Poet Laureate for London, which he described as opening him up to the possibilities in poetry/spoken word by developing his writing and helping him find his own voice and connecting with other young poets.

The post of Young Poet Laureate was created by the London Legacy Development Corporation, the organisation responsible for managing and maintaining Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, as part of Spoke - a new visionary poetry and spoken word programme that will offer people in east London an opportunity to watch, perform and develop careers in spoken word and performance poetry in and around the Park.

Jolade is also an athlete and teacher for Parkour Generations, a global team who use Parkour to reach young and disadvantaged children, bringing them into a team sport and helping them explore new avenues in life.

Alongside this, Jolade is a freelance media creative having worked in the UK and abroad with creative and social enterprise initiatives that give a new fresh voice to the young generation through digital and media content.

Samir Abarak
Kibria Ahmed
Nazmin Ahmed
Jamil Ahmed
Afolabi Babalola
Jordan Badley
Taahira Begum
Robert Brown
Gintare Butkute
Sylvia Chengo
Paula Cudha
Stuart Devlin
Leanne Doig
Antonio Ellis
Kemal Erguvener
Billy Frasle
Kristian Gaibraith
Ben Gallagher
Damien Ganesh
Greg Hallam
Andrew Hawkins
Qasim Hussain
Musa Jallow
Simran Kaur
Zavier Lawrence
Ashley Marsh
Callum McDonald
James Mckivett
Jade McMullen
Lynn Nolan
Ansam Saleh
Mahboob Sultan
Marlon Sylvestor
James Torok
Daniel Wood
Christopher McFarlane
Terry Roberts
Uvane Riley
Mahfuz Rahman
George Skuse
Mohammed Mohammed
Ryan McLoughlin
Matthew Brook
John Charlton
Nick Coulson
Jack Paulley
Ekanem Asuquo
Rashid Atugonza
Georgina Darley
Kristopher Fontane
Yousof Khan
Rustem Kumrilli
Nakkini Wallace
Marquita Ox-Corder
Victor Lawson
Michael On

‘LEGACY’ BY JOLADE OLUSANYA
YOUNG POET LAUREATE FOR LONDON