

Showing the way

Innovative projects in Islington helping to boost the next generation

Creating opportunities

A group of young people from City of London Academy Islington have been given a head-start in their careers through an apprenticeship programme with AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians). Developed in 2011, the partnership offers apprenticeship placements to students completing an NVQ in Business Administration.

Chief Executive of AAT, Jane Scott Paul, says the partnership was developed as a way to give back to the community. 'We established a relationship with Islington Academy to set up an apprenticeship scheme as a way to explore our own talent from school leaver age,' she explains. 'AAT works directly with numerous employers that implement successful apprenticeship programmes and therefore knew the benefits a well-structured apprenticeship programme could bring.' AAT is the UK's professional membership body for accounting and finance staff and is made up of over 125,000 members worldwide. Over the course of 12 months, the AAT apprentices are given the opportunity to work across all teams within the organisation.

✦ Find out more about the scheme by visiting aat.org.uk

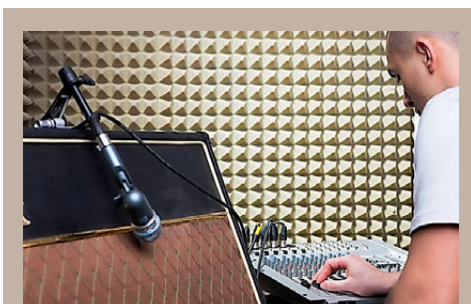


Jane Scott Paul,
Chief Executive
of AAT

Life changer

If you're between 12-16 and read a book in 2012 that meant something special to you, then make sure you vote in the 2013 Islington Teen Read Vote

✦ See Islington.gov.uk to find out how you can enter



Step in the right direction

Taking place on the second Thursday of every month, STEP OUT! is a new and exciting event brought to you by the team at youth development programme, Stepladder Worldwide. A monthly networking showcase, STEP OUT! discards the old-fashioned format of traditional networking events by creating an exciting, fresh and interesting event for all ages and backgrounds. It offers the chance to mingle with all walks of the creative industries, and launched in March at the Wenlock & Essex.

Pick this out

On 24 March the National Literacy Trust is organising its first ever UK Fun Run at North London's Victoria Park, raising vital funds to help spread access to literature to more individuals across the UK. The National Literacy Trust currently works with 38,000 children in the poorest regions of this country, not to mention adults, with the aim to reduce poor literacy that impacts on their standard of living, independence and mental wellbeing.

✦ To get involved, visit literacytrust.org.uk



Green fingers

Teachers from more than 1,260 schools across London can now nominate for the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Young School Gardener of the Year 2013, a quest to find the most knowledgeable, enthusiastic and talented gardening pupil in the UK. The RHS Campaign for School Gardening started in 2007 to support and encourage UK schools to use a garden as a teaching resource.

✦ Teachers and other adults associated with a school can nominate a pupil by visiting rhs.org.uk/schoolgardening by 18 May