



# Make me a mogul

By **Karyn Michael**



**A** GROUP that helps young people reach their career potential is offering a chance to win £3,000 to set up a business. The Youth Skills Network is running a Mini Mogul contest at the Ocean in Mare Street as part of National Enterprise Week, which aims to unlock emerging business talent.

The event, supported by the Hackney's Children and Young People's service is open to 13 to 19-year-olds, and young people with learning disabilities aged up to 25. There will be a surprise celebrity guest, plus food and drink, and the Dragon's Den style pitches will be filmed in front of a live audience. Family and friends are welcome to come along and offer support. Participants will be called on to make a short presentation to a panel of



judges, explaining how they want to make their business idea happen, how they will spend the money, and how the

project would benefit people. Pitches can be spoken, or could include images, product demonstrations, or a Powerpoint presentation. The deadline for applications is 10 November. The Mini Mogul contest takes place on 20 November from 5.30pm to 10pm. Latecomers will not be admitted.

### MORE INFO

For further details call: **020 8985 1044**; or e-mail: **nfo@ysn.org.uk**  
To download an application and to put friends and family on the guest list visit: **www.ysn.org.uk**



Do you have a business plan that could succeed? Prove it to a Dragon's Den style panel and you could win £3,000 to get it off the ground

## Speak up and you could win an iPod

HAVE your say on Hackney youth services and be in with a chance of winning an iPod. The Council is looking for input on opportunities for young people in the borough, this includes youth centres, education projects, arts, sports and much more. Your views will help to improve the services provided by the

Council. To take part in the survey visit: **www.consultationfinder.com/hackney** and select: have your say on Hackney Youth Service. The deadline to take part is 7 November. For more information contact Tom Craggs on: **020 8356 7650** or e-mail: **tom.craggs@hackney.gov.uk**.



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## My opinion

# A multicultural childhood with lots to do

By **Jamila Sami-Ludlam, 14**



**I'VE lived in Hackney all my life; my parents both live here and the vast majority of my family do too.**

Growing up, my view on Hackney society has broadened and I now perceive the borough completely differently to when I was a younger and less socially conscious person. Recently there has been a lot of bad press coverage over issues in Hackney, in particular crime and its effects. Unfortunately in today's society we are seeing a rise in the gang and

knife culture associated with the younger generation. People tend to forget all the positives coming from the Hackney community and its young people at the moment. I don't see it as morally right to portray Hackney as a borough of a supposedly violent



nature because of an issue which is currently affecting the whole of Britain. Hackney has a lot to offer in terms of its summer events and regeneration due to the London 2012 Games. For the 14 years I've grown up in Hackney, I've always seen it as a diverse and multicultural place to live. In my opinion, growing up in a multi-cultural society is an important aspect of childhood. Hackney people range from all corners of the globe, including Gambia, Turkey and the Caribbean. It teaches you to be open-minded, with an insight into the lives of a variety of people from different cultures. Hackney has a variety of green spaces which each year play host to community spirited events. In the

summer, London Fields played host to the BeRecreative recycling festival, which aimed to make the community of Hackney more aware of the issue and the fun which can be had through recycling. Many aspects of other boroughs can't compare to Hackney as a whole community, which in essence has shaped me into the person I am today.

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